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Waldegrave to open up civil service

Private firms may bid for Whitehall jobs

By PHILIP WEBSTER, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

sources said last night that it

was too early to say how many

SENIOR civil servants would face competition for their jobs from leading industrialists and thou-sands of Whitehall posts ould be contracted out to private companies under lans heralded yesterday y William Waldegrave, he public service

The privatisation of council manual services would be extended to professional serices in both local and central government as part of a drive o break down the barriers etween the private and pub-

Under Mr Waldegrave's The Complete of West proposals, companies would be allowed to tender for work done by civil service lawyers, engineers, accountants, architects and scientists. There are no plans to contract out the work of policy analysis for ministers, regarded as the backbone of civil service work. Senior government

INSIDE

Docklands cabinet split

Divisions have opened up in the cabinet over possible government action to save the £1.7 billion Canary Wharf complex in London's Docklands.

Strong lobbying for in-tervention to make the site more attractive for private sector investment is believed to have come from Michael Heseltine, the president of the Board of Trade, and Lord Wakeham, the Leader of the Lords. The prime minister. the environment secretary and the transport secretary are more cautious about involvement Page 16

State rescues, page 2 Letters, page 13 Jobs to go, page 17

Ambassador ordered out

Britain has ordered home the Yugoslav ambassador as part of the United Nations sanctions. Syctozar Rikanovic, a Bosnian Serb. was given 15 days to leave. "He's been doing a particularly difficult job quite well but basically, there's no job for him." said the Foreign Office.

Mr Rikanovic's secretary said that the meeting had been "very amicable. All of us are very sorry. He got 15 days which is rather a long time in such a situation" Page 16

Car window safety demand

A plea for safety measures to protect children from the dangers of electric windows in cars was made yesterday by the father of a two-year-old girl who was choked to death after being left alone in a family car for a few minutes. The call from Douglas Richardson. of Chobham, Surrey, was backed by the Consumers' Association, the AA and the RAC Page 3

Births, marriages,



civil servants might have to compete for their jobs. Mr Waldegrave told an audience of business leaders that he wanted to let people

from the private sector compete for senior Whitehall jobs, extending the arrangements for advertising posts in the agencies that have taken over some government functions, such as paying social security benefits. He said that complex issues, including pay, would have to be addressed.

Recalling that in the past, particularly in wartime, prominent figures had entered the civil service, Mr Waldegrave said: "I believe there is more to be done at the top of the civil service. The quality of people we get into our public service is very high. I do not believe they need fear much from having to compete with others."

He told his audience: "I would like to poach some of your people as as well as you poaching ours. This is one subject I would like to see opened up." He spoke of achieving a "parity of esteem" between public and private

Mr Waldegrave told a conference of industrial and financial leaders organised by The Sunday Times that the government wanted a commitment to excellence in the public services equal to that of the most forward-looking private company. The Conservatives had reduced the state sector to a more sensible size and the aim now was to ensure that it performed better.

Mr Waldegrave foreshadwed what he called a revolution in the organisation and delivery of public services. At the heart of it would be a division in the functions of purchaser and provider of services. He referred to the request already made to government departments to subject their services to market testing and to compare their efficiency with that of the private sector. "The state sector used to be characterised by monolithic and monopolistic organisations that combined the functions of both purchaser and provider, and often of regulator as well," he

Compulsory tendering had helped to improve the quality and cost-effectiveness of

A CRACKDOWN on reck-

less driving resulting in death

with tougher sentences of pos-

sibly up to ten years in the

worst cases were proposed yesterday by Lord Taylor, the Lord Chief Justice.

After the recent outcry

when he and two Court of

Appeal judges refused to in-

crease a three-year sentence

on a driver aged 21 who

killed a teenage couple. Lord

Taylor said there was a feel-

ing that the maximum sen-

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said. "The result was not a

many local government services. "Competitive tendering has worked and is working. And I believe it should now be extended. Until now it has applied primarily to local authorities' blue-collar services. I see no reason why it should not also apply to the white-collar professions. Nor do I see why competitive tendering should apply only to local government. I want to see it extended much more widely to central government services as well."

Mr Waldegrave said that improving public services would act as a discipline for the private sector because there would be increased expectations of both sectors. "Some independent schools are already looking anxiously over their shoulders at the competition from their grantmaintained rivals. Private hospitals run the very real risk of losing patients to the best of the new-style NHS. In the private sector at large, the need to satisfy increased ex-pectations will have important implications for all your

Public servants were not the only ones with lessons to learn. "There are an increasing number of public sector organisations providing services that could put some private sector organisations in the shade. We should seek to learn from each other.

"I want you to join with me in breaking down the barriers between the public and private sectors. I want there to be a parity of esteem between public and private, based on the rival and complementary excellences of each sector."

• Michael Heseltine disclosed his hands-on strategy yesterday for closer links with industry at the revamped trade and industry depart-ment but insisted he would not seek more money from the Treasury or embark on a vast expansion of his empire.

The president of the board of trade also warned employers that the average manufacturing wage rises of 8 per cent, almost twice the rate of inflation, was damaging Britain's competitiveness. By comparison, the increase in earnings in manufacturing in Germany last year was 6 per cent, in Japan 4 per cent and in the United States just 3 per cent, he told the conference.

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Taylor wants drink-drive purge

By Frances Gibb. Legal correspondent

more than one by driving

recklessly, sometimes by

drink or for the hell of it.

ought in a bad case to be eligible for a higher sentence

than five years." In his first interview since taking office

five weeks ago. Lord Taylor

said courts should have scope

for higher sentences in the

worst cases, possibly up to ten

As well as favouring a tougher regime for killer-driv-

ers, the Lord Chief Justice

indicated a reform which will

be welcomed among penal

reformers. He proposed an

overhaul of the system of im-



Off your bike: a policeman enforcing a ban on cyclists in Cambridge city centre yesterday, to the chagrin of countless students. Full details, page 5

Major cautions against too much optimism over Rio

By Martin Fletcher and Robin Oakley

AMID growing signs that the Earth summit could degenerate into an unseemly slanging match between industrialised nations and lobbyists for the developing world, John Major gave a warning yesterday that some people were expecting too much from the meet-

ing in Rio de Janeiro. Mr Major told reporters during a tour of southwest Scotland: "I am very keen for us to make progress generally at the Rio summit. But I have been warning for some time that some of the expectations for the summit are higher than those that can be realis-

tically achieved." Seeking to blunt criticism

posing life sentences, in

which judges "nehind closed

doors" recommended the

number of years a prisoner

should serve for punishment

purposes. Instead. Lord Tay-

lor said, judges should state

their recommended sentence

in open court and prisoners

should be able to appeal

Sentences on drivers who

kill have provoked arguably

more outcry in recent years

than those for any other of-

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against it.

of America at the summit, which begins tomorrow, President Bush called yesterday for the developed world to double its contributions to international forest conservation programmes to \$2.7 bil-

lion (£1.5 billion). In an environmental speech in Maryland, he announced that America's contribution to bilateral forest conservation programmes would be increased by \$150 million to \$270 million next year, bringing total US aid to bilateral and multilateral programmes to \$518 million.

Mr Bush wrote to leaders of the European Community and the G7 industrialised nations at the weekend to seek support for what the White House portrayed as an important forests initiative. Officials indicated that Mr Bush hopes to influence discussions at Rio on a biodiversity treaty, one of the principal conventions prepared for signing at the

summit. At the weekend Mr Bush infuriated environmentalists by saying the US would not sign the treaty, designed to protect endangered plant and wildlife species and their hab-

Officials portrayed yesterday's initiative as an alternative to that treaty, which the administration finds objectionable on two counts. They said it could enable developing countries to extract limit-Evidence offer, page 2 less funds from wealthy Law Times, page 25 nations for preserving endanless funds from wealthy gered species, and could hinder the continued access of America's biotechnology and pharmaceutical industries to those species found in Third

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World countries. A White House official said the administration's proposal permitted bilateral agreements between nations and offered a flexible approach. 'Forest conservation is the key to preserving the Earth's heritage of biological diversity and harbours the secrets of new life-saving drugs and other products," he said.

Even before the US announced its opposition to the biological diversity treaty, environmentalists were accusing Mr Bush of putting America's short-term eco-Continued on page 16, col 6

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Forced fatherhood barred in embryo case



Stowe: said she wanted to donate embryos

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

THE tug-of-love battles so beloved of Hollywood during the 1970s and 1980s are becoming passe. The 1990s real-life version of Kramer versus Kramer has divorcees fighting not for custody of their children, but for custody of their frozen embryos.

In a precedent-setting case in Tennessee yesterday, the state Supreme Court ruled that a woman could not have seven such embryos implanted into her or anybody else without her former husband's permission. No man, said the court, should be forced to become a father if he did not want to.

It is one of those bizarre legal cases that could emanate only from America. The fate of the seven frozen embryos. stored in a Knoxville fertility clinic, has hung in the balance for nearly four years while it has run its course. The embryos

were produced by a Tennessee couple. Mary Sue Stowe and Junior Lewis Davis, in December 1958 after nine fruitless years of trying to have a child by natural means. Early in the next year they divorced. Mrs Stowe, who is now 31 and remarried, at first wanted to use the embryos herself, and later said she wanted to donate them to another childless couple. They had a "potential for life" that had to be protected, she

Mr Davis, who is 33 and also remarried not only refused but vowed to sue for custody if she sought to use the embryos. At the first hearing in 1989 of a case that attracted worldwide attention, a Tennessee circuit judge decided the embryos were "children in vitro" and awarded custody to the mother.

In 1990 Tennessee's Court of Appeals overturned that decision, contending that the embryos were pre-viable foetuses". It awarded joint custody to Mrs Stowe and Mr Davis with the stipulation that neither could do anything with them unless the other agreed.

Yesterday's ruling, which could yet be challenged in the US Supreme Court. concentrated less on the status of the embryos than on the rights of those that created them. "Ordinarily, the party wishing to avoid procreation should prevail," said the judges, emphasising the lack of any sort of precedent.

That principle certainly applied if the woman wished merely to donate the embryos to another couple. The only possible exception was if the embryos were the only possible way the woman could achieve parenthood.

The court left the fate of the embryos up to the Knoxille fertility clinic where they have been stored since 1989. The clinic was "free to follow its normal procedure in dealing with unused embryos as long as that procedure is not in conflict with this opinion", it said.



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The most exciting way of buying wine in France is to deal direct with the growers. Robin Young explains how it is done

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TOMORROW IN THE TIMES

THE SCIENCE **OF EATING**

Frances Bissell, the Times cook, casts a discerning eye over

the special relationship that exists between the French and their food, unmatched by other nations





The European arts page will discuss the Henry Moore exhibition to be opened in Paris next week by the Queen and give news of an important discovery in a cellar

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'I got in touch with the DPP and said I was perfectly willing and available to give evidence'

Chief Justice offered to testify in Ward case

THE Lord Chief Justice, Lord Taylor of Gosforth, said yes-terday that he had offered to enter the witness box to give evidence at the appeal of Ju-dith Ward, convicted of the M6 coach bombing 17 years ago, but his offer was not

The offer by the country's most senior judge, unprece-dented for a member of the judiciary involved in a miscarriage of justice, was dis-closed by Lord Taylor himself in his first interview with a national daily newspaper since taking the post five

There have been criticisms that no one from the prosecuting team has given evi-dence at the appeal hearing, particularly to answer accusations over non-disclosure of evidence. The judges are giv-ing their full reasons for quashing the convictions on Thursday and have said they will be free to draw "adverse inference" if not given a rea-

sonable explanation. "As far as I was concerned, I got in touch with the DPP and said I was perfectly willing and available to give evidence if required and I asked that to be conveyed to counsel for the Crown and the defence," Lord Taylor said.

The move signals the new era of openness and greater accessibility to judges that he wants to encourage. In particular, there is likely to be a visibly changed judicial attitude over mistakes, with judges presiding over the quashing of convictions expressing their regret in the most serious cases

While that would not "do a great deal" for the person wrongly convicted, it "might show appropriate awareness of what had resulted from the

miscarriage ... and that is important", Lord Taylor said. Judges, he said, should be more ready to speak our and involve themselves in the machinery of justice. They should not "hide behind judicial independence" and a fear of what might emerge if they do talk to anybody".

The Crown Prosecution

letter from Lord Taylor. However, the service did not seek an interview with him. "It was not considered that he was needed to discuss any of the matters that were before the court." Defence lawyers in the case would not comment on Lord Taylor's disclosure. Other lawyers said it was "incredible" that he was not even interviewed.

Lord Taylor, who as Peter Taylor, QC, was junior prosecuting counsel in the original trial, does not come to his new task of restoring public confidence in the criminal justice system unalloyed by the recent miscarriages. However, he acknowledges the case for reform although not personal

culpability.
The Judith Ward case, he said, was a classic example of miscarriage of justice, and "one in which one feels very great regret. I can only say I have no feeling of guilt over what I did." He also rejects the need for stricter rules gov-erning the disclosure of

The defence has argued in the case that non-disclosure of a wealth of material by the prosecution and a doctor led to Miss Ward's wrongful

Lord Taylor outlined several lessons to be learnt from from wrongful convictions: first, the "tainted evidence from police confessions. The first thing is to inject into the training of the police the realisation that it is not only immoral but criminal to fabricate evivence." The sooner that could be remedied, the better, he said.

Second, there needed to be an independent forensic science service available to prosecution and defence. The practical drawback is that scientists were working "alongside police" from an early stage and if they were to remain neutral it required a high degree of professional

Third. Lord Taylor said that from now on, judges would be "much more alert and vigilant to see they don't



Open court: Lord Taylor in his office yesterday, ushering in a new era of greater accessibility to judges

overstress the weight to be attached to police evidence". He rejected criticicms that judges had accepted police evidence at face value. "It has been said that the judiciary has been too ready to believe the police. That is a gross mis-

Most judges knew very well that the police did not always tell the truth, he said. "The judiciary does have to watch very carefully in summing up that there is no bias in favour

of the police." Other reforms he envisages to prevent further miscarriage of justice include a pos-

sibly expanded role for the Court of Appeal to order investigations, and a new independent committee to take over from the home secretary the job of looking at alleged miscarriages of justice and deciding which should be referred back to the Court of

In many ways Lord Taylor does not differ in policy from Lord Lane, his predecessor. He does not, for instance, favour a sentencing council: or reforming the system of iudicial appointments. But the sea change is his appreciation of the importance of

public relations. He is using the Lord Chancellor's press office on a daily basis; Lord Lane refused ever to grant a media interview.

Lord Taylor favours shedding wigs (but not robes), because this would "show an attitude of mind that was open to change and to modernisation". He also wants judges doing more to explain a sentence if it seemed out of line" on the face of it. "Judges should not abstract themselves and go into purdah when out of their court. with regard to the way in which the courts are run and

the public is served." But the media also had a role in restoring confidence in the criminal justice system. "I am absolutely in favour of the judiciary being open to criticism by the media."

However, such criticism should be based on more accurate and full account of the facts of cases. "I would like to think that, as we take steps to improve the system, and correct the failures there have been, we will get the support of the media, as well as the

Tougher sentences, page 1

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13.7 per cent, and the United

Arab Emirates, 12.8 per cent.

David Gormour, econom-

The fall in quoted UK rates

NEWS IN BRIEF Code of rights urged for people in care Code of rights urged for people in care

Ministers must draw up a minimum code of rights for all people living in residential care to improve the quality of a service that has been riven by scandal, the report of an independent enquiry says today (Jeremy Laurance writes).

The matter is so pressing that local authorities should not wait for the development of such a code but should devise their own to ensure that residents voices are heard, the

enquiry chaired by Lady Howe says.

The enquiry into pay and conditions, set up by trade unions and employers to ensure higher standards of care, also calls for improved training and support for residential social workers to raise their status. Councils must set minimum staffing levels for homes, and build a positive image of residential care.

The was set up last July and ran alongside others provoked by residential home scandals. In Staffordshire,

130 children were kept in solitary confinement for weeks at a time in the "pindown" and in Leicestershire Frank Beck, a children's home manager, was jailed for life last year for systematic sexual abuse over many years. There have also been reports of abuse of residents in old people's homes adding to what the enquiry calls the crisis in residential care. The report says little has changed since the enquiry by Lady Wagner in 1988 which found residential services in a "demoralised state."

Solicitors pay fraud levy
A special levy of between £1,500 and £1,800 is likely to be imposed on all partners in solicitors' firms in England and Wales to raise £50 million needed to meet a record rise in claims by victims of dishonest solicitors. The 3.500 one-man solicitors firms in England and Wales are also to be subject to two-yearly spot checks of their accounts by the Law Society in an attempt to prevent the widespread incidence of fraud. The need to raise £50 million. compared to £8.2 million raised last year, is a measure of the scale of the problem and what the results and the scale of the problem and what the society calls a worsening trend. John Young, Law Society council member, said: "We are not alone in facing problems of this kind. Other professions in Scotland, Ireland and New Zealand have all suffered from the activities of dishonest colleagues." Law Times, pages 25, 27

Reported crime rises Almost a third of the 194,000 burglaries reported to London

police in the past year could have been prevented if windows and doors had been locked, Scotland Yard said yesterday, Figures show that nearly 60,000 burglaries between April 1991 and March 1992 were carried out with no forced entry. Overall, burglaries rose by 10 per cent. The number of homes burgled without forced entry rose by 23 per cent to 38,500 and burglaries of commercial premises went up by 15 per cent. There was an 11 per cent rise in all reported crimes, to 945,300, and a 7 per cent increase in the clear-up rate, to 16 per cent. There was a 15 per cent increase in rate, to 16 per cent. There was a 15 per cent increase in reported rapes, taking the total to 1.180. Over two thirds of rape victims knew their attackers. Vehicle crimes accounted for 240,700 offences, or 25 per cent of the total.

Soldier shoots himself

A young soldier serving in Northern Ireland shot himself in the head in front of several of his fellow soldiers yesterday morning. Gunner Darren Oldfield of 27 Field Regiment RA died at Musgrave Park hospital in South Belfast shortly after the incident at Bessbrook barracks in South Armach. Security souces said Gunner Oldfield, who was 18 and from Stockport, Lancs, shot himself in the barracks while a number of colleagues were with him, but no crime was suspected by the police investigating the affair. The army, also disclosed yesterday details of a death last week, when a member of the Royal Signal Corps collapsed during an official physical training session at Lisburn barracks in co. Antrim. Jonathan Edmonds, aged 22, from Clywd, died of

Water bills 'too high'

Almost four out of ten consumers say that water charges are too high, although telephone bills are still the largest cause of complaint. A survey by Mori for Ofwat, the water industry watchdog, found that 44 per cent of 18 million households in England and Wales thought water charges fairly reasonable, although 23 per cent said they were fairly unreasonable and 15 per cent very unreasonable. Just 66 per cent were satisfied about the safety of water and 57 per cent said the taste was satisfactory. Gas prices were considered the most reasonable among the big utility companies with six out of ten of the 3,617 people interviewed by Mori saying they were fair or very reasonable. While 32 per cent thought telephone charges reasonable, 35 per cent said they were fairly unreasonable and 26 per cent very unreasonable.

Teachers oppose tests

National curriculum tests for seven year-olds, which have been slimmed down to minimise classroom disruption, are still opposed by the vast majority of teachers administering them, according to a survey by academics at Leeds University for the National Union of Teachers. The survey found that 96 per cent of staff involved in standard assessment tasks believed the educational benefits did not justify the upheaval. Almost all found their own assessments more informative than the test results. More than half of the sample of teachers from 128 classrooms in 89 schools in 52 education authorities thought the latest exercise had been a waste of time, and almost as many reported a deterioration in their pupils' behaviour during the testing period. Only 4 per cent believed that the time had been well spent.

Judge backs megaphone diplomacy

bers of the central mosque in Luton, Bedfordshire, permission to use "megaphone diplomacy" to serve notice of contempt of court proceedings on a member of the rebel group occupying the building.

An application to have Mr Haji Mohammad Suleiman jailed for breach of a court order that the mosque should be temporarily shared by the two rival factions is due to be heard on Thursday. Mr Justice Ferris said solicitors for the original mosque trustees. who are unable to gain entry to the building, need not serve notice of the application

evidence supporting the ap-plication. to the mosque door.Copies of the documents should be posted to Mr Suleiman and the terms of the notice read out by the trust-ees' solicitors through a loud hailer in front of the mosque in what the judge described as "megaphone diplomacy".



The state rescues that belie Tory free-market pledges

SUGGESTIONS of government assistance to prop up the failed property developers Olympia & York appear to be at odds with the non-interventionist stand the Conservatives have tried to maintain

since 1979. Close scrutiny of the record. however, shows that Margaret Thatcher's government didn't always practise as it preached. When she took office she made clear that firms would be expected to compete in the open market. Yet during the early eighties hundreds of millions of pounds were pumped into ailing nationalised industries to make them more attractive.

Between 1979 and April 1983 the government put £1.23 billion into British Ley-land to help retain its viability, according to Conservative central office. Other estimates put the sum spent on baling out the company between 1975 and 1984 at £10bn.

The cash hand outs which provoked Norman Tebbit's infamous comment cording to the National Audit

If Canary Wharf should get a helping hand the precedents are there to find, says

"I stabbed them in the back

Jill Sherman

with a cheque book" - were also dished out to British Steel and British Coal, Retween 1975 and 1985. British Steel cost the taxpayer over £7.8bn in subsidies. while £17bn has been given to British Coal since 1979, induding £6bn since 1990 in deficiency grants. In other cases, the government wrote off substantial debts in privatisation deals. National loans fund debts of £5bn were written off before the privatisation of Water Holding Companies, and the Rover sale to British Aerospace, with its controversial £44m worth of sweeteners, only raised £150m, after a government injection of £547m, ac-

There are few examples in the last ten years, however, of the government deliberately bolstering private concerns that were at risk of going under. The most infamous case was the failed De Lorean motor project in Belfast, where where £78.9m was invested from 1978 to 1982 before it went into

receivership. Professor John Bolton, director of the centre of business economics at the European Business School in London, said this misguided subsidy was a classic example "sunrise industry gambling", where governments attempt to pick winners. Al-though popular with the pre-vious Labour government. the strategy was generally avoided by Mrs Thatcher, other than De Lorean, which she inherited.

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Office glut to delay City plans

BY DAVID YOUNG

PLANS to redevelop the London Wall area in the west of the City of London to compete with new developments in Docklands are likely to be delayed because of difficulties in the commercial property Daiwa Securities, the Japa-

nese brokerage house, has denied that it is abandoning plans to build a new corporate headquarters in the area because of the current property glut. However, although design work has been complete on the project and planning permission granted, no date for construction has

The building, which will be 12 storeys high with two base-ments, has been designed by the Richard Rogers Partnership. The company said that work would start once it became clear when it could negotiate a release from leases it holds on two other big London offices.

Several other developments in the area are at an advanced planning stage, but it is not known when building work will start. They include Moore House, designed by Terry Farrell, and 1 London Wall, designed by Sir Norman Foster.

Peter Webster, a City property specialist with surveyor Matthews Goodman, said: "These projects are certainly market-led. They will go ahead when tenants are found, but there are other projects also chasing tenants all over the City at the mo-ment and the London Wall million square feet of office space.

Two big developments that are almost complete are Al-ban Gate, designed by Mr Farrell and which has found a tenant for only 45,000 square feet of its 380,000 total, and 60 London Wall, built by Scottish Widows and designed by Fitzroy, Robinson and Partners. It has still to attract any tenants.

Hotels drop their room prices

By Robin Young

THE price of hotel rooms has fallen for the first time in ten years. Businessmen and frequent travellers, the main users of hotels, have seen the largest drops but the general public are also taking advan-tage of special deals and bargain reductions, according to a report published yesterday.

The average rack rate (nor-

mal quoted prices) for a single

occupancy hotel room, including breakfast, VAT and service, fell by 1.03 per cent last year, the 1992 UK Hotel Tariff Survey prepared by Expotel Hotel Reservations for Caterer and Hotelkeeper and Executive Travel magazines, found. Information gathered from 246 British hotels found, however, that the most expensive hotels in London defied the trend by increasing quoted rates by 3.21 per cent. The most expensive, the Hyatt Carlton Tower, quotes £282 a night, more than £50 above the average for the five-star grade. The Westbury, the cheapest five-star, quotes £165.75.

with the average being £231.25 a night.
On average, tariffs for fourstar London hotels have fallen by 2.1 per cent, with the Portman Inter-Continental the most expensive at £233.70 and the Hendon Hall the cheapest at £83. The Rembrandt was the most expensive London three-star hotel, at £105.95, with the Queens hotel the cheapest at

ics editor at Caterer and Hotelkeeper, said: "The recession has instilled a heightened sense of realism in Britain." Mike Toynbee of Executive Travel said: "What is really interesting for us is that the hotels are offering much more in the way of extras, especially to encourage frequent travellers. Loyalty programmes to offer them special reductions have really taken off."

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Coroner

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change in

virus rules

By Alison Roberts

A CORONER called yester-

day for a change in the guide-

lines on notifying parents

about infectious diseases after

the death of a boy who con-

tracted meningitis. The

health authority had told the

boy's head teacher not to

notify parents about a previ-

ous case, to avoid spreading

Luke Batchelor, 10, of Mil-

ton Keynes, died from menin-

gococcal meningitis on May

12. He was the third child to

contract the disease on the

housing estate where he lived

and the second to come down

with the infection at his school. He died within 38

Sir Montague Levine, the coroner, said at Southwark

Coroner's Court: "By May 11

we have a third case and.

instead of thinking in terms

of influenza, parents might have been thinking in terms

of meningococcal meningi-

tis." The health department

said later that it would con-

Anthony Perkins, head teacher of Luke's school, told

the inquest that he was told

about a pupil who was taken

into hospital on February 14

and recovered from meningi-

tis. "I was told not to tell

parents and not to cause alarm and panic. What I had

been told previously led me to

believe it was extremely un-

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Father appeals for safer car windows after girl is killed

By Kevin Eason, motoring correspondent

THE father of a two-year-old girl who choked to death which her head was trapped in the electric window of the family car pleaded yesterday with manufacturers to introduce safety equipment to prevent another tragedy.

Lucinda Richardson became trapped after being left alone for a few minutes after the family returned to their home in Cobham, Surrey, after a weekend outing. Attempts to give the kiss of life failed. Ambulancemen were also unable to revive Lucinda on the way to hospital, where she was certified dead on

Douglas Richardson, 42, her father spoke in public yesterday to underline how quickly his daughter must have become trapped in the powered window and called for action to prevent similar tragedies. "If Lucinda's death serves any purpose it could be spur manufacturers to

make windows safe," he said. He described how the acci-dent happened. "We had been out all morning and left the car doors open when we got home. Lucinda went out to play — we were only yards away indoors — the Fiat doors were open and the keys were in my pocket.

"After a few minutes, I looked out and saw her head in the passenger door win-dow. The only thing I can think happened is that she stood on the switch with her head out of the window and

Mr Richardson, a company director of a transport business, and his wife Liz have three other children. William, nine weeks, Vic-

toria, seven, and Laura, nine. Mr Richardson said he had heard of two other similar deaths, one in another Fiat and one in a Vauxhall. Vauxhall has fitted pressure sensors to all its new cars which automatically prevent

windows from closing if they

Officer's

wife 'killed

by lover'

By PETER VICTOR

A WOMAN member of the

Ulster Defence Regiment

duped the wife of her officer

are obstructed, but Mr Richardson asked why other manufacturers were not doing the

Fiat last night said it was unable to provide an explanation of how the accident

happened. Windows on the Tipo will not operate without the ignition turned on. However, a secondary switch allows the windows to open and close if a door is open. Even then, the switch has to be depressed permanently to power the window to full closure.

Peter Newton, a spokesman for Fiat, said: "The electric windows conform to German standards, which all European manufacturers work to. We must express our profound sympathy but we cannot comment further on the details until we know the facts of this case." He said that he did not know of any other similar cases involving

Consumer groups have been worried about the safety of electric windows for some years time. Four years ago, Mark Swinnoe, then aged three, had to be rescued when he was trapped in the electric



Richardson: told of two similar car accidents

window of the family's Ford

The Consumers' Association is calling for the com-pulsory fitting of safety devices to prevent drivers and passengers, particularly children, getting trapped in electric windows which are powered to close tight into the door frame. The association wants pressure sensors fitted to all cars with electric win-

dows as standard. The Automobile Association and the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents are also urging action from manufacturers, although both stress that young children should not be allowed to play alone inside

An inquest will be opened today at St Peter's hospital, Chertsey, although evidence from traffic police who examined the 1989 Fiat Tipo is unlikely to be heard. An inspection report will be sent later to the Surrey coroner. ☐ Lucinda Richardson's death could force manufacturers to introduce new safety equipment on electric windows in cars. The Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders is to examine the details of the accident to decide whether the case war-

Car makers are, however, already moving towards improving conventional electric vindow systems. Rover's new 800 executive model has pressure sensors which detect an obstruction in the window and prevent them from closing. All other models work with a conventional button which has to be depressed fully to open and close

rants major changes.

Among the other big car manufacturers, pressure cut-outs are generally fitted only to top-of-the-range models.
These include BMW, Mercedes's S-Class range and Renault's A610 sports



Monkseaton, Tyne & Wear, after an explosion yesterday. Loreen Harland, 72, who was in her bathroom at the time of the

Blast aftermath: the remains of a house in She died later in hospital from a suspected heart attack. A plumber who was working on her central heating system was trapped for 20 minutes before rescuers pulled him explosion, was rescued from the rubble from the debris. He escaped unhurt but was suffering from shock and smoke inhalation. also taken to hospital suffering from shock.

Bramshill Police College. Mr

Tabachnik referred to several

reports on Miss Halford by

senior officers in the Metro-

politan Police, praising her

abilities, personality, and po-

tential, but including one

which expressed doubts

about her "occasional femi-

nine unorthodoxy".

Bustline is back to boost bra sales

By ROBIN YOUNG

A RETURN to fashion of the bustline has boosted the sale of brassières by almost a fifth in the past three years, according to the market researchers, Mintel.

Women spent £388 million in 1989 on 71 million bras. By last year expenditure had increased to £450 million with 84 million bras bought.

Moira Paterson, Mintel's market analyst, said: "There has been a swing towards the underwired bra. The Gossard Wonderbra, originally launched in 1968, has recently enjoyed a tremendous boost in sales."

Busts are also getting big-ger, according to Mintel's survey of the lingerie market. Ten years ago the average size was 34B. Now manufacturers report the average is 36C, and some are introducing cup sizes up to FF. Miss Paterson said: "This growth is partly explained by trends towards more exercise and the increasing use of the pill."

Most seminine underwear is bought by younger age groups, with teenagers buying the most lingerie and nightwear. Bodystockings and suspender belts are most popular with those aged from 20 to 24. Those over 45 buy more slips than average. Corsets are only of concern to

Mintel estimates that in 1991, women spent £13,365 million keeping their lingerie up to date. The researchers expect the demand to slacken, though, as demographic changes reduce the proportion of younger women in the population, while the 35-44 age group expands.

Lingerie (Mintel, 18-19 Long Lane, London, ECIA 9HE; E295)

Asked to explain this. Miss

Halford said that once, after

spending a week preparing a

question for an examination paper and then having to

start again, she had shed a

tear of sheer frustration. "Maybe I blew up, and tears

came," she said.

The case continues

was another case it would become more serious." A boy aged five was taken into hospital four days later and he too recovered. Mr Perkins was not told about that case. On the day that Luke fell ill, Mr Perkins sent a

letter to parents telling them to look out for symptoms of meningitis.

Clare Strong, of Milton Keynes public health department, said national guidelines recommended that parents should only be told in the event of a second outbreak in the same school. However, Tom Osbourne. representing the Batchelor family, said: "Child contact at a school where children are playing, fighting, rolling around together and spending six hours together in a classroom is probably a closer relationship than at home."

Halford tells of years of misery

By RONALD FAUX

ALISON Halford found her-

enormous embarrassment," she said.



Halford: found herself in "no-win situation"

James Sharples, Chief Constable of Merseyside, Northamptonshire Police Authority, and the home secretary, after nine unsuccessful attempts to win promotion. The three candidates she beat for the Merseyside post in March 1983 had all since achieved promotion beyond assistant

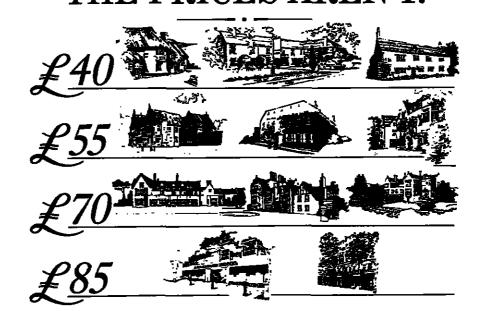
chief constable, she said. She told the tribunal that she discovered that Mr Oxten down. She had once sent him a memo asking for written authorisation to investigate buying a computer system for the personnel de-partment. He replied with a note saying: "This is not my management style. You have received my instructions." She said that this was typical of the chief constable. "This was the first early sign of what was going to be years of mis-ery in Merseyside when he

was my chief constable." She said that when she first met Mr Burrow, whom she succeeded as an assistant chief constable, he had looked non-plussed. He had been an uneasy man to work with because he had difficulty in relating to her, and had been defensive. "Maybe he felt threatened, and at times he was very hostile." Miss

Halford said. When she took over his area of command on the project team, members of which had been expecting promotion. "I found myself between a rock and a hard place. I was a nowin situation," she said. Her superiors had seen her as trying to change the world. But I was not Obviously, I did not get off to a good

Questioned by Eldred Tabachnik. QC, her counsel, Miss Halford described her progress through the ranks in the Metropolitan Police, where she became a chief superintendent, having attended three courses for "fast track" candidates at the

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Cuckoos pick and choose a home from home

BY NICK NUTTALL TECHNOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

CUCKOOS, famed for their skilled squarting and generally anti-social behaviour, are more choosey about he nests in which they lay their eggs han many people may suppose. British scientists suspect that fe-

nale cuckoos might be programmed o lay eggs in the nests of the same pecies of birds in which they were faised as chicks. Thus, if a female thick was raised by a meadow pipit she is more likely to lay her eggs in an unsuspecting meadow pipit's power next year.

The theory is among ideas being developed by Nick Davies, Michael Brooke and Will Duckworth in the zoology department at Cambridge University. They are testing the theory by offering bird watchers £150 for reporting sightings of nestling cuckoos.

British cuckoos can lay at least three different kinds of eggs each tailored to deceive mainly reed warblers, meadow pipits or hedge sparrows. They are also known to lay in the nests of robins and pied wactails.

The researchers are attempting to test their ideas that different strains of cuckoos could be programmed to lay in different birds nest by studying young cuckoos' mitochondrial DNA, genetic material carried in tiny structures inside cells but outside the nucleus. The mitochondrial

DNA comes only from the mother. If the scientists can establish that the mitochondrial DNA in cuckoo chicks is different, that could strengthen the theory that preferences for certain nests is being passed down by mothers to their offspring. It could also indicate that instead of different strains of cuckoos, Britain has three different

Sightings of nestling cuckoos will this year be followed up by a visit to the nests where the researchers will take a blood sample from a cuckoo chick for genetic analysis under licence. The work is part of studies at Cambridge into the cuckoo's way of deceiving other birds to raise its young at the expense of the birds' own eggs and chicks.

The research indicates that a constant battle is being waged between the cuckoo and its victims who, over time, may evolve ways of recognising the alien cuckoo's egg and take appropriate action. As a result, the cuckoo also needs to evolve to exploit other species of birds if it is to can white-throated sparrow.

continue to play its parasitic game. Such evolutionary tension may explain why cuckoos who lay eggs in meadow pipit and reed warblers' nests need to closely mimic the hosts' eggs in colour and size. Cuckoos that exploit hedge sparrows lay eggs bearing little resemblance to

That is because strains of cuckoos evolved to exploit hedge sparrows are more recent additions to nature than strains that exploit the other two species. Consequently, hedge sparrows have yet to evolve ways of detecting an alien egg and the cuckoos have to make less effort to

the hosts.

News of the research comes as bird-watchers were seeking further sightings of two rare visitors to Britain, a lesser kestrel and an Ameri-

lover into taking a walk in the Miss Christie denies murat Drumkeeragh Forest, near

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Duncan, an operations of-ficer with the Royal Signals Regiment, when she joined a sub-aqua club he led. Although they had regular sexual intercourse. Captain McAllister made it clear he had no intention of leaving his wife.

her friend had been attacked. owever, examination of e scene showed the attack as different from that med by Miss Christic. he case continues today

forest, cut her throat and left her to die, a court was told yesterday. Susan Christie was then said to have run distraught from the scene of the crime, claiming she and her victim had been attacked in dering Penny McAllister, 24. Ballynahinch, co Down, on

March 27 last year. Her plea of guilty to manslaughter on the ground of diminished responsibility was not accepted. John Creaney, QC, for the prosecution, told Downpatrick Crown Court that Miss Christie became friendly with Mrs McAllister's husband.

Mr Creancy said Miss Christie met Mrs McAllister arrangement to walk their bes although Miss Christie in leaving the forest "in a straught condition", and old some boys that she and

'Sin bins' prison policy condemned BY RICHARD FORD, HOME CORRESPONDENT

THE practice of using isolat- held a year ago says. There ed prisons as "sin bins" to hold disruptive prisoners other jails refuse to take is con-

demmed in two reports today. The practice leads to prison regimes putting too much emphasis on control and punishment and causes frustration among prisoners because they receive few family visits, the reports by the chief

inspector of prisons said. Conditions designed for punishment can produce macho behaviour in staff and inmates where confrontation is the only satisfaction. Judge Tumim says in reports on Dartmoor and Camp Hill prisons. At Camp Hill, on the Isle of Wight, he criticises excessive use of the body belt which he suggests indicates that it is being used outside

the guidelines. Dartmoor is facing its last chance to change and is not to be treated as a penal dustbin for troublemakers from other jails, Judge Tumim says. Lifers who cause trouble in other jails are transferred to Dartmoor, with 11 out of thirteen lifers transferred in the six months to last June

being sent there because of misbehaviour. "Over two centuries Dartmoor has developed as a prison for punishment rather than as a place where prisoners serve their time as punishment. This emphasis is ingrained in the dominant staff culture. Other prisons have been happy to use it as a receptacle for difficult men."

the report of an inspection

had been changes but the overall impression was of a iail out of time, with not enough managers capable of seeing through change.

Judge Tumim is critical of negative attitudes among staff at the jail and says that the prison service must not underestimate the resistance

to change among diehard prison staff. Many people in senior jobs at the jail showed signs of being worn out by the prison's traditional culture, the report says. It calls for the

bathhouse to be shut because of its deplorable condition and says there is a risk of disease from inmates using the same brush to wash utensils and clean out slop sinks. The opportunites for physical recreation and physical education were the worst the inspectors had seen at a

Category B prison. Camp Hill, a Category C prison, was used to house inmates who had been difficult at other establishments, a separate report by Judge Tumim said. It had an unfortunate role as a "sin bin". During the inspection a year ago, more than half the 440

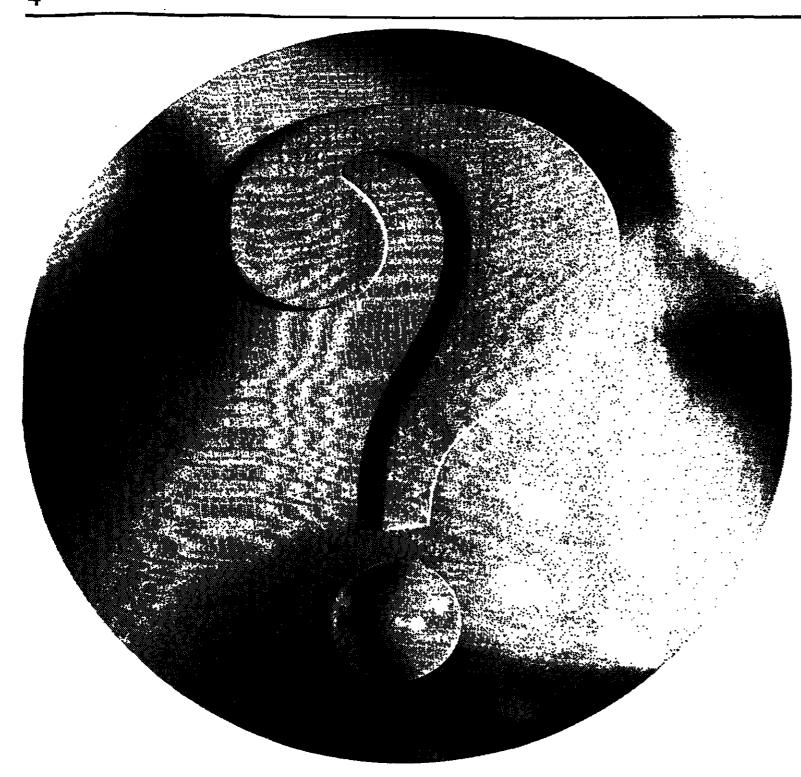
prisoners had been sent there for disciplinary reasons. Kenneth Clarke, the home secretary, said that the proportion of prisoners who needed control at Camp Hill was being reduced and that it should not be regarded as a sin bin. He ruled out making Dartmoor into a community

self "between a rock and a hard place" when she took over as an assistant chief constable in Merseyside, she told an industrial tribunal in Manchester yesterday. Giving evidence for the first time. Miss Halford, who is

claiming sex discrimination by senior police and the home secretary, recalled her relationships with Kenneth Ox-Merseyside, and his deputy. John Burrow. She said that after a "honeymoon" period during which Mr Oxford had been kind and supportive, his management style changed to one she had never before experienced. He had been nice to her in the first few months and horrible to others. Then he became more

horrible to her, she said. He was exceptionally abrasive, aggressive, dogmatic, demanding and, I suppose, outright rude to all my colleagues, including John Burrow. To belittle one's deputy in front of a new person must have caused Mr Burrow

Miss Halford, 52, alleges sex discrimination against Sir Philip Myers, HM Inspector of Constabulary.



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A wealthy Scottish landowner has won a court appeal which could put a neighbouring crofting family out of

The victory, announced in a written judgment, is the

latest move in a right of way

battle between Sir Patrick Grant and his wife Carolyn of

Tomintoul House at Strath-

naim, near Inverness, and their neighbours David and

Angus Cameron. Sir Patrick

wants to close the Camerons'

farm nursery and says that

his weekends at his Highland

retreat are being disturbed by

He claimed rights of access

had been granted only to Mr

Cameron and his family, not

to the general public, and

gained an interim sheriff's

interdict preventing the pub-

Because of the ban, the

nursery was closed a few

weeks after opening in Octo-ber 1990. Three months lat-

er, that ruling was overturned on appeal by Sheriff Principal

Ronald Bennett in Inverness

Civil Court, who said the Camerons could use the road

for all purposes.

The nursery was reopened and Sir Patrick went back to

court claiming in new argu-

ments that the Camerons did

not have planning permis-

sion for the nursery and were

enticing the public to trespass

on his land and put his livestock at risk. The fresh arguments were disallowed

by Sheriff Booker-Millburn

and the Camerons continued

Sir Patrick lodged an ap-

peal against that decision,

which was heard in Inverness

Civil Court last week. In a

written judgment the sheriff

principal has upheld the ap-

peal and ordered a full legal

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An illegal immigrant from Turkey was jailed for life after pleading guilty at the Old Bailey yesterday to murder-ing his Irish wife because she

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Arts sponsorship has grown appreciably in recent years. A survey among spon-sors for the year 1988-9 pro-duced a figure of £30 million. For 1990-1 a new method based on returns

> been committed. Simon Jenkins, editor of The Times, said: "The Times has a long established record in covering the arts and we therefore welcome this association with Absa and Arthur Andersen. We look forward to being able to give extensive coverage to these awards, thereby encouraging awareness within the business and arts communities of the importance of the vital partnership that they have developed throughout the 15 years of

these awards."

Fatty foods blamed for unhealthy child diets

By JOHN O'LEARY, EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

A DECADE of campaigning for healthy eating has made no impact on children's diets, according to a survey published today.

Nutritionists at Newcastle University have found that boys of 11 and 12 get 39 per cent of their energy from fat, and girls 40 per cent, compared with 35 per cent rec-ommended by the govern-ment and 30 per cent by the World Health Organisation. Research carried out by the same team in 1980 showed exactly the same levels. The latest results are pub-

lished in a report by the School Meals Campaign, adthat most standards of the most standards of 54 groups involved in the campaign, said: "The £660 million spent on food advertising every year goes over-whelmingly on fatty and sugary foods, whose sales have exploded. It is very bad news for the health of young

to what people."
The report says that school dinners provide the main meal of the day for many children. The numbers arriving at school without breakfast have more than doubled in nine years, and more of those taking school meals have only snacks in the evening.
A series of reports has regis-

tered concern over children's diets. A study in Kent found II-year-olds low in iron and calcium, another in Nottingham found that fewer than half the packed lunches in whole included fruit while a schools included fruit, while a third in London recorded a iall in micronutrient levels.
Issy Cole-Hamilton, dieti-

tian and co-author of today's report, said school meals thould make an "important 1CITISCIVES mutritional contribution to improving the diets of British school children at a time when the service is threatened with cutbacks and increasing research confirms the poor

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☐ Two comprehensive schools discriminated against Asian children when allocating places, the Commission for Racial Equality (CRE) reports today. A requirement to submit detailed applications was illegal and unfair to Asians who had difficulty writing English.

Commission investigators found non-Asian children were aimost twice as likely to win places at the boys' and girls' grammar schools in Watford, Hertfordshire, which have since become grant maintained. They blamed "indirect discrimination", and not prejudice.

The CRE urged John Patten, the education secretary. to ensure that Asian parents had a real choice of schools by making authorities monitor pupils' ethnic background. Michael Day, the commission's chairman, said: "It is unacceptable that parental choice should be conditional on the ability to write English and on familiarity with the system." Robert Evans, head of Watford Boys' Grammar, said the school would study the CRE's recommendations. ☐ Children are being forced to put up with excruciating pain in hospital that would not be tolerated by adults because doctors and nurses mistakenly believe they could become addicted to powerful painkillers (Jeremy Laurance

Large numbers of children are also being made to suffer are also being made to suffer unnecessarily after surgery because of the widespread myth among junior medical staff that recovery is quicker without painkilling drugs and that very young children don't feel pain don't feel pain.

Children who are given drugs for their pain get better quicker and go home sooner. according to the charity Ac-tion for Sick Children. Yet in one study 25 children undergoing surgery received only 24 doses of painkillers while 18 adults received 671 doses.



Tangled up: Joseph Sharp, aged four, of Hythe, Kent, one of Britain's youngest arthritis sufferers, tries to help the Duchess of Roxburghe at the launch in London yesterday of a sponsored "knit-in" to raise money for research and treatment of rheumatic disease

Ban on bicycles in Cambridge angers students

A county council has turned its growing population of cyclists into pedal pushers to fight congestion, Nicholas Watt writes

A BAN on cycling introduced yesterday in Cambridge city centre was greeted by argu-ments and discontent among students. Outside Senate House, which undergraduates usually pass on their way to lectures, cyclists reluctantly got off their bikes as a police-man informed them of the

"I find the ban absolutely staggering," Sarah Brice, a medical student at Gonville and Caius College, said. "In the very week that world lead-ers will be discussing ways to save the Earth in Rio the council here is banning people from using muscle power. The police never pa-trolled the ban on cars and yet they are watching over

The 18-month experimental ban, which also covers all vehicles except the most severely disabled motorists, is in force from Mondays to Saturdays from 10am to 4pm. The scheme is part of Cambridgeshire County Council's E150,000 traffic plan for the city. Automatic barriers will be put up if the experiment works but for the moment cyclists are halted by wooden bollards, iron gates

and numerous signs.
Sidney Street from Bridge
Street to the junction with St Andrew's and Hobson Street is to be closed. St John's Street and Trinity Street will be closed to all motor vehicles except for those of permit holders, as will the lanes around the market square between Sidney and Trinity

By yesterday afternoon, cyclists had ripped down some of the signs and vandals damaged one of the gates.

Ms Brice said that the ban was particularly unfair to colleges in the city centre. "It is very expensive for them to arrange for deliveries before or after the ban. The council has been very crafty in intro-ducing the ban during the summer when students are buried away working for exams. When all the new students come next October they'll just assume it is the

As the occasional cyclist sped past the lone policeman patrolling the Senate House bollards, John Hipkin, a Liberal Democrat councillor who opposes the ban, said: "In five minutes, I saw 12 cyclists ride past a barrier. The ban is unenforceable and I have watched the law being flouted. Banning bikes from the centre of Cambridge is like banning gondoliers from

Tony Carter, the county council's Labour transport spokesman who devised the scheme, said: "We've seen businesses die off in the centre of the city because of traffic congestion. Time will tell whether this experiment works but I am sure that within 18 months people will automatically get off their bikes at the barriers. The ban is part of our transport strate-gy for the whole city and we are looking beyond just the student vote."

Julia Allen was one of those told by a policeman to dis-mount. She was visibly angered by the request. "This scheme is crazy. I will take up more room pushing my bike and the ban will also add

more time to my journey."

Donald Broom, professor of veterinary medicine at St Catharine's College, said: "This is going to make life very difficult for thousands of people. We should be encouraging people to cycle. There have been lots of protests and many signatures have been collected."

There was, however, some support for the scheme. Alexander Schulenburg, a post-graduate student at Sidney Sussex College, said: "Cambridge really needs the new traffic scheme. Bikes are dangerous in such a small city centre where they go much faster than cars. People need to realise that pushing their bikes will not add much time to their journey. I am from Nuremburg, which is one of the most pedestrianised cities in Europe, and it is such a pleasant place to live."

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Hussain Killic, 25, sat astride his wife Elizabeth, 20, and

stabbed her with a kitchen knife 25 times, the prosecution said. Killic then jumped from a second floor window of his

home in Lewisham, south London, fracturing his skull. He was ordered to be deport-

Lightning kills village umpire

A lightning bolt killed the uropire of a village cricket match at Youlgreave, Derbyshire, during a thunderstorm. Several of the players were knocked down when the lightning struck.

The dead man, Peter Hill, 26, of Youlgreave, had been badly concussed during a football match at the same ground six weeks before.

World of water

A £4 million project to build an aquarium beneath the Forth rail bridge was launched. Undersea World, backed by private and public money, is due to open in March and will feature an underwater tunnel 112 metre long for visitors.

Waite in stone

A lifesize stone sculpture of Terry Waite, the former Beirut hostage, was unveiled at Exeter Cathedral after months of work by David Price, a stonesmason from Exmouth, Devon.

Student raped A 20-year-old Oxford under-

graduate was raped in a public lavatory as she tried to walk home alone from a

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New generation of products aimed at beating nicotine addiction could tap a £1 bn market in Britain

Stop-smoking industry heads for boom

BY RAY CLANCY

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as patches is limited. Sheer

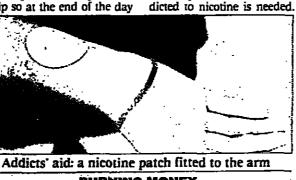
determination and confi-

THE first of a new generation of products aimed at stopping smoking was launched in Britain yesterday, amid predictions that the anti-smoking industry could make more than £1 billion by the

ness support for the arts are end of the century. The nicotine patch, available only on prescription, cost partnership, in association £100 million to research and develop in Canada, Switzer-Absa — the Association land and Britain and is to be followed by a number of other new products aimed at making it easier to cope with the unpleasant side effects of givfifteenth year, are expected to be presented in Noveming up smoking. Clinical trials are being carried out on a berat the National Theatre. nicotine nasal spray and a With the new parrons taking over from The Daily Telenicotine inhaler and lozenge are being developed.

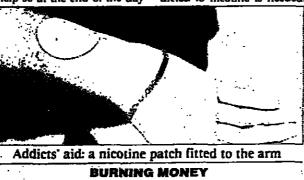
Organisations trying to persuade smokers to break the habit are worried that the vast sums being poured into the industry make consumers believe that the products are miracie cures. People are being advised to think twice before spending money on aids that have very low success rates

Quit, the largest charity in Britain dedicated to halting smoking, said: "This mega industry has caught onto the fact that there is a vulnerable market out there. Nicotine toms of withdrawal but they do not address the psycholog-



Sandi Wilson, director of

replacement products may dence is what counts and that help with some of the sympis harmless and free," she Ciba-Geigy Pharmaceuticals, which launched its ical aspects of giving up Nicotinell patch in London, "Nine out of ten ex-smokers believes that any new product gave up without any formal that helps those who are adhelp so at the end of the day



The costs of smoking and giving up per month Strette Nicotinell E54.43

The patch is described as being simpler to use than nicotine chewing gum, its main rival at present.

Mike Findley of Ciba-Geigy said: "Every smoker who has tried to give up knows that the first week is hell and the first month very difficult. Research shows that people must want to give up and most do so through sheer will power, but others need some help.

The waterproof patch is placed on the skin and stays in place for 24 hours delivering a steady amount of nicotine into the bloodstream. Over the suggested three month period the amount of nicotine is gradually reduced, weaning the smoker from the drug at an average cost of £52 for a month's supply.

"We are not claiming that it is a miracle cure but we do believe it can help some smokers who need help overcoming their craving for nicotine and it is a safe and easy to follow product," Mr Findlay

Since the dangers of smok-ing were highlighted on a wide scale 30 years ago, treatments have been split into two classes; the nicotine replacement products and the alternatives such as hypnotherapy and acupuncture.

Martin Jarvis, head of the national addiction centre at the Maudsley Hospital, southeast London, said that the chewing gum had not produced high success rates because it was difficult to use. Smokers chewed the gum while they smoked cigarettes. They were not always able to get the necessary back up and counselling from their GPs.

"The patch is a new genera-tion, the first of its kind that is simple to use with a guaranteed nicotine absorption rate so it does not rely on the patient regulating the dose," he said.

He believes that the patch, unlike the chewing gum, has the potential for a better success rate although smokers have to want to give up and nicotine replacement products alone could not work wonders.

Government statistics show that there are 14 million smokers in the United Kingdom, most of whom want to give up or have been advised to give up for health reasons.

Wind of change blows through the workplace

BY MICHAEL HORSNELL

BY THE turn of the century, smoking will have been banned in all offices throughout the country, according to research which shows that 60 per cent of personnel managers already regard smoking as the biggest issue in the

workplace. A recent survey of 100 companies by IRS Employment Trends shows that just over half have a written policy on smoking while a further third have informal restrictions. Four out of ten employers completely ban smoking in shared or open-plan offices while two-thirds provide designated smoking areas although restric-

tions are placed on their use. Some employers require smokers to clock-off before they light up while others insist that employees take work into the smoking area. Other employers restrict access to normal break

Many employers rely on goodwill to ensure that policies are enacted but some have taken on "reserve powers"

to make breaches a disciplinary of-fence. As many as 15 out of 100 companies have had to discipline employees including suspending them for breaching policy.

In a pioneering case, a former employee of Ladbrokes, the betting shop chain, is awaiting an appeal to an industrial tribunal in Birmingham against unfair dismissal. The cashier, who worked for the company in Learnington Spa and who had nine years' service, was dismissed last year after challenging a ban on staff smoking in the customer area of the

Forest, the pro-smoking group to whom she applied for advice, says that a number of staff throughout the chain are angry that Ladbrokes did not consult employees and that many are unable to take proper breaks to enable them to have a eigarente.

The ban, implemented 12 months

ago, is against a background in which

50 per cent of Ladbrokes staff are

smokers, according to the company's

own research, while even more of its

ourselves as the banks do. You would not expect to see a cashier pulling away behind the counter at a ່ກະຄະ According to research by Forest, 31 per cent of companies have imposed a total ban on smoking. 13 per cent have introduced designated smoking areas with time limits during which they may be used, 44 per cent have

designated areas with no time limit,

and 11 per cent have taken no policy

customers smoke. The company

would not comment on the case but a

spokesman said: "Our policy is that

staff behind the counter should not

smoke. We are trying to position

decision after examining the issue. In 48 per cent of offices, ballots have been held while in 34 per cent there has been no consultation. The average notice given to staff of a ban is three months while in 16 per cent a ban was introduced overnight. In 55 per cent of offices, management have warned of disciplinary measures for breaches of a ban and dismissai applies in 13 per cent.

Marjorie Brady, of Forest, said: "Our opinion is there should be proper consultation with staff. Nor should there be hard and fast rules. Each working place is different. There isalso a great deal of fear amongst staff that if they do oppose a ban they will be labelled trouble-makers." Hilary Maxfield, director of work-

place services at Ash, the anti-smoking group, said: "Smoking policies are becoming more and more common in offices and by the end of the century it seems reasonable to expect smoking will not be allowed except in designated areas. 'Management is realising it does

have a responsibility for protecting employees from passive smoking. This is important because staff spend eight hours a day at their work stations and don't have a choice about doing so.
"We don't think ballots are appro-

priate. It's a health and safety matter. You wouldn't have a vote on whether te remove asbestos tiles from an office,

French put **Gitanes** under fire

FROM PHILIP JACOBSON IN PARIS

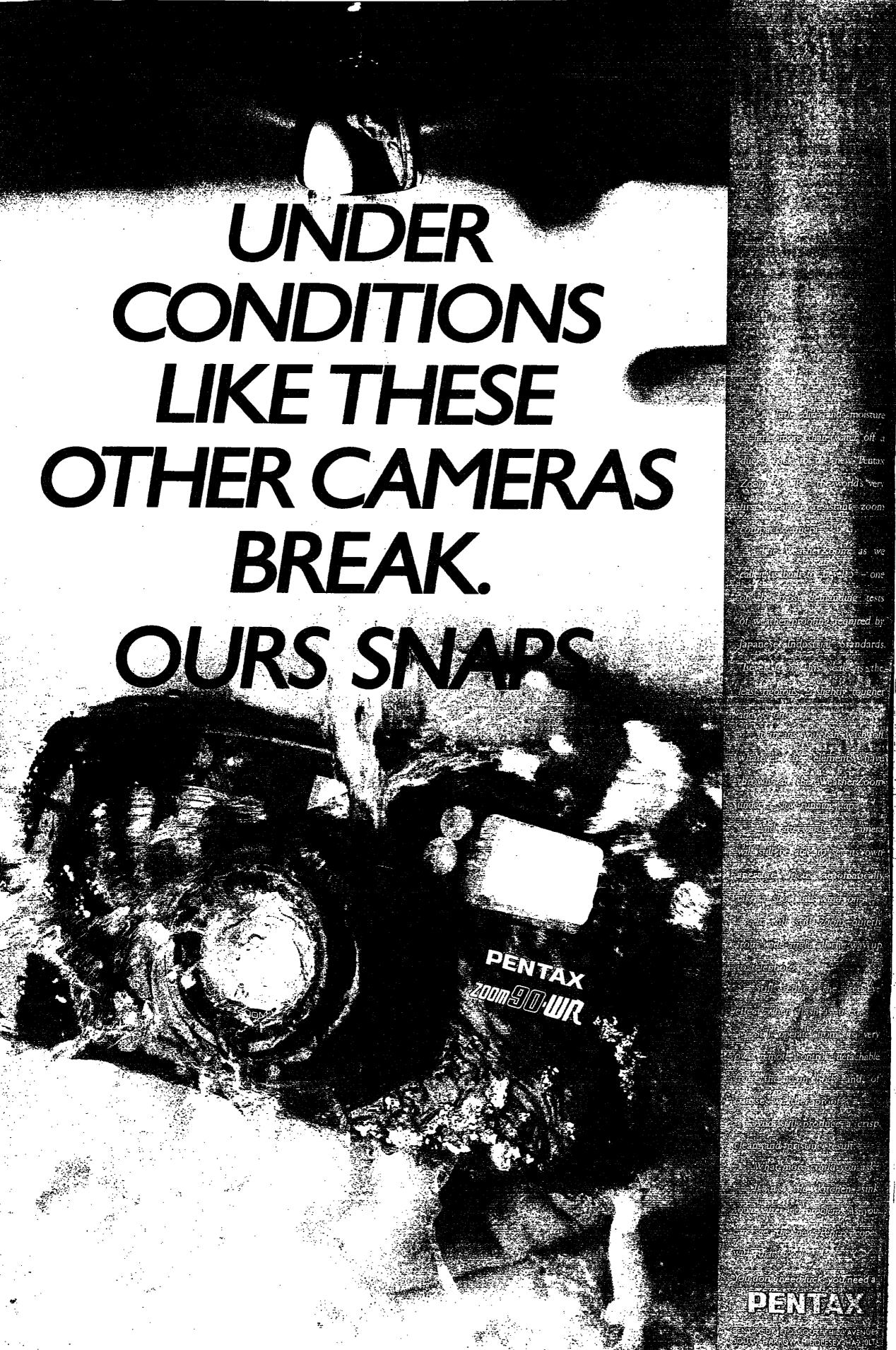
FRANCE'S inveterate smokers have now discovered the worst that awaits them after publication of regulations aimed at driving the pungent fumes of Gauloises and Gitanes out of public places. From next November, they will be forbidden to smoke outside designated "reservations" in restaurants, shops and offices, and entertain-ment and leisure complexes.

At the same time, restrictions on smoking aboard trains are to be increased, and it will be illegal to smoke anywhere in Merro stations or on most domestic airline flights. In state schools, students will be allowed to smoke only from the age of 16. Teachers, however, appear to have been given carte blanche to continue setting a bad example.

With almost 55,000 deaths year from tobacco-related diseases in one of Europe's heaviest smoking populations, the French government has opted for some of the toughest legislation on European Community statute books. Failure to comply with the law will mean penalties of up to £62 on individuals and £312 on owners or operators of restaurants and places of entertainment. Smoking in cinemas and theatres was already prohibited.

Since the state derives a huge annual income from its monopoly on cigarette sales in France, the legislation represents a considerable triumph for anti-smoking campaigners. Most companies will be obliged to establish special lighting-up zones, as will most

restaurants. The question remains. however, whether French smokers will take any more notice of the new laws than drivers have of lower speed limits and use of rear seatbelts in towns, or Parisian dog owners of the new regulations prohibiting the fouling



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Major hints at political reforms for Scotland

JOHN Major yesterday closed the door on a tax-raising assembly for Scotland but gave broad hints that significant changes in the way Scotland will be gov-

emed were on the way.

Mr Major, on his eighth
visit to Scotland since becoming prime minister, said the "taking-stock exercise" on the country's constitution was well under way and that he would make more visits to sound out public opinion and no listen to the views of all Scots on how their country

should be governed.

He emphasised in a speech to the Ayrshire Chamber of Commerce that there was no part of Britain for whom a strong voice in Europe was more essential than Scotland. "Scotland now has that strong voice precisely because Scotland is part of a United Kingdom that carries weight and authority across

Although Mr Major would give no details of the kind of changes he was contemplating, it is believed that he will strengthen the Scottish Grand Committee and reintroduce the Scottish Select Committee as a first step towards giving Scots more sense of self-determination. However, he added: "There are those who claim that Scotland would do better to stand on her own. They have never hidden the fact that for them separatism is the most important principle in life. For them separatism's potentially disastrous consequences are secondary details at best."

rejected the separatist view. Nobody should imagine that devolution offered a "comfortable halfway house to anything". Mr Major said a second tax-raising parlia-ment in Scotland would add to the cost of business and drive away investment and

Earlier, Mr Major had said in Galloway: "I said we would take stock of the situation. That means one has to consult and one has to consider what is happening at the moment "

It is clear that any changes are still some way off, although Mr Major does not want to be seen to be acting too quickly nor dragging his feet. "But I promise you there will not be any undue delay." he said. "There are a lot of opinions we wish to take and a lot of ideas we wish to think about." The prime minister made

plain that his top priority was to defend the union between England and Scotland. "But that does not mean that there are no ways in which government can ever evolve: improvements to government at all levels are always possible," he said, alluding to his desire for government in the 1990s to become more accessible and responsive to the people. Where improvements can be made, in Scotland, England, Northern Ireland or Wales, not only the loudest, he said.



True blues: Frank Sinatra takes a short break from his three-week singing tour of Europe to meet John Major during the intermission of one of the 76-year-old American entertainer's series of concerts at the Albert Hall

Clark calls for action on cow disease

BY DAVID YOUNG

THE shadow agriculture government to form an independent committee of scientific experts to publish a detailed report on the spread of bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE), or "mad

cow" disease.

Dr David Clark accuses the agriculture, fisheries and food ministry of refusing to give figures on BSE. "It has peen extraordinarily slow in taking action to control the disease," he said. However, the ministry said

yesterday that it issues statistics at the end of each month, and that the latest figures show that the disease is spreading even faster than Dr Clark claims.

Dr Clark says that there have been on average 631 new cases each week so far this year, up 45 per cent from 1991. The latest ministry fig-ures show that the weekly confirmed infection rate is now nearer 900. The ministry spokesman said incidence of BSE was expected to peak

we will make them. But with me you can be sure of this: I will not weaken Scotland, and that means I will not weaken the union." He would listen to all voices in Scotland,

By EDWARD GORMAN, IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

Collapse of Irish

talks averted

THE collapse of the interparty talks at Stormont was averted again yesterday by allowing a sub-committee out of the deadlock.

An official statement released by the Northern Ireland Office said that the subcommittee, set up last week, would be invited to continue its work today before another full session of talks tomorrow.

The committee was believed to have come up with iceas on how to keep alive the strand one talks - between the four constitutional parties in Northern Ireland - but had not come up with suggestions on the key moves to srand two when Dublin be-

comes involved. The lack of progress in the talks has convinced many that the time is not yet right br serious negotiation on the province's future, which vould require a willingness both sides to make serious compromises. Sources from all parties concede that there has been no hint of a readiness to soften positions, suggesting that the future for what was the Brooke initiative is bleak.

Official sources have spoken privately in recent days of the government having to redraw its horizons and think not in terms of a two-year process but a longer period, possibly five years, involving several talks followed by peri-

ods of reflection. That could be taken as a sign that Sir Patrick Mayhew, the Northern Ireland secretary, will not try to

push the process on to strand two before the unionists are ready, but opt instead to draw the negotiations to a close in haps later in the summer.

Recent disclosures have helped to clarify the gulf which the process still has to bridge. The nationalist SDLP has proposed an innovative system of government for Northern Ireland based on an executive commission in which three elected representatives from the province would sit with commissioners nominated by London, Dublin and the EC.

The two unionist parties on the other hand have opted for slightly different variations of a more conventional model built around an elected assembly and an administrative or legislative committee, formed according to the relatives strengths of the parties to the assembly.

The proposals highlight the contrasting views of the two key politicians at the talks. Jim Molyneaux of the Ulster Unionist Party and John Hume of the SDLP. Mr Hume aspires ulti-

mately to a united Ireland but is increasingly of the view that the agency of the EC can provide the setting for a system of genuinely shared government between the minority nationalist community and the majority of unionists. Mr Molyneaux favours a modest form of devolution for the province with emphasis on the administration of powers rather than legislating

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Ministers press lenders to speed home rescues The cabinet feels

THE government will meet lenders today in an attempt to speed up the progress of mortgage rescue schemes, six months after they were

Chancellor, Michael Howard, environment secretary, and Sir George Young, housing minister, are expected to press the ten biggest lenders to honour pledges made in December to rescue customers facing eviction. Mr Lamont is known to be concerned that legal complexities are delaying rescue schemes and will be asking for quick-er, simpler solutions.

Peter Lilley, social security secretary, and David Hunt, Welsh secretary, will also attend. The government feels that it has fulfilled its promise to pay income support for mortgage interest direct to the lenders and it now wants lenders to honour their commitments. The lenders will be pressing for the eight-month exemption on stamp duty to be extended beyond the August 19 deadline.

Anthony Nelson, economic

secretary to the Treasury, told a conference of building societies last month: "We look to you, the lenders, to identify workable solutions to the problems which have emerged with these schemes, so that you will be able to deliver the commitments you made last December."

most publicised, part of the rescue package announced in December were schemes involving housing associations. Mr Lamont said in Parliament on May 20 that seven schemes to convert mortgages into rents had since

building societies offer reduced-rate loans for housing associations to buy properties from borrowers in

financial and legal complica-tions. Because housing associations are charities, there is a danger in putting their as-

general of the Council of Mortgage Lenders, has repeatedly pointed to all the other initiatives that lenders have made, including debt counselling and accepting reduced payments. The council has refused to estimate the number of people who have been saved by other means, but lenders stress the reduction in repossessions. Halifax, the country's biggest lender, says that as a result of its measures the number of homes repossessed between November and April this year has been reduced by 40 per cent compared with the previ-

ous year.

The latest figures on repos sessions from the Lord Chancellor's department, however, showed that the number of court applications for evic-tions in February was almost the same as last year. Lenders started 13,781 actions in county courts last month. compared with 13,897 in February last year. Over a ionger period, however, there is a decline in the number of homeowners facing court action for mortgage possession since the peak recorded in the summer of last year. John Wriglesworth, housing analyst at UBS Phillips and Drew, has estimated that the building societies' measures may be successful in cutting repossessions from 280.000

to about 80,000 this year. An article in the latest Bank of England quarterly bulletin argues that, in the short run, house prices respond more rapidly to reduced repossessions than to interest rate changes. The bank's economics division calculated that a reduction in repossessions by 20,000 for one year would increase house prices by about 5 per cent.

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building societies should honour the pledges made last announced. Mark Boléat, director-December, writes Norman Lamont, the Rachel Kelly

The least successful, but been established. The schemes, whereby

arrears, have been dogged by

MORTGAGE RESCUE SCHEMES

Families saved from debt

MR AND Mts A live in west London with their two young children and are £40,000 in arrears. The couple and two friends bought their house with a £105,000 mortgage in January 1989. Ali four were

working and had a joint in-come of £62,250. After six months, the two friends left. Mrs A became pregnant and serious arrears began to build up once she left work to have her child. Their second child was born

> Apart from Mrs A's child benefit, the family's only in-come is Mr A's £15,000 salary (£888 a month net). Their monthly mortgage payment should be £1,400. Mr and Mrs A decided to apply to become tenants of a housing association under Nation-wide's Home Rescue

Their home will be bought by Notting Hill Housing Trust with funds from Na-tionwide. Mr and Mrs A will remain in their home as tenants of the housing associ-ation, paying a monthly rent Provided they keep up

their rent payments to the association for three years. Nationwide has undertaken that any residual debt will be written off. Mr B and Ms C. who have

one child with another due later this year, bought their house in east London with a 559.000 mortgage early in 1989. They met their pay-ments until Ms C gave up work when their first child

was born. They have made intermittent payments since. They currently have arrears of £8.114, representing 14 months' payments. They have a monthly income of E1,090, including child bene-fit, but were unable to meet

the monthly bill of £542. Their home is now being bought by Newlon Housing Trust and they will become tenants, paying a rent of about £200 per month. Provided they keep up their rent payments to the housing as-sociation for three years, Nathat any residual debt will be written off.

An East Anglian couple with one child, a mortgage of £45.000 and arrears of £10.000 were not taken on by a home rescue scheme. Although they had sufficient income to meet their payments, they had made none in two years, instead using the money to improve their home, a former council

They applied for home res-cue, but Nationwide felt that the couple had been irresponsible in the way they had spent their money. They were 'won't pay' rather than 'can't pay' cases," a spokeswoman said. The building society is going ahead with repossessing the property.

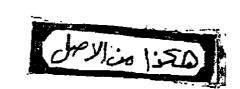
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Deposit Account	2.80	2.10
Flexible Savings Account (including full bonus)	4.13	3.10
TIMESAVER Account (£1 - £249)	2.80	2.10
(£250 – £999)	4.13	3.10
(£1,000 plus)	5.47	4.10
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£10,000 plus‡	9.25	6.94
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Belgrade defiance tempered by first sanction worries

FROM TIM JUDAH AND DESSA TREVISAN IN BELGRADE

SERB-BESIEGED Sarajevo fire yesterday afternoon after two days of relative calm and ceasefire was supposed to come into effect. Two people were reported to have been killed.

and more countries began to implement UN sanctions against the Yugoslavia of Serbia and Montenegro, and its continued to roar defiance at the world. Vladislav Jovanovic, the Serbian foreign minister, claimed that the West wanted to destroy the Serbian government by force and said that he had information that moves were afoot to instal a "puppet government" in

However, General Bozidar

THE election slogan of Presi-

dent Milosevic's Socialist par-

ty in 1990 was: "With us

there is no uncertainty. We

guarantee peace, security and

and with United Nations

sanctions now in place, Presi-

dent Milosevic of Serbia felt

comfortable enough yester-

day to crow that Serbia's

opposition parties had just

anti-government demonstra-

tors roamed the streets of

Belgrade chanting their

"Slobo-Saddam"slogan. But,

unlike the hapless citizens of

that other international pari-

ah, Iraq, Serbs and Montene-

grins did have the oppor-

tunity on Sunday to vote in, or

boycott, a general election.

The results are likely to show

a strong vein of continued

To a great extent, Mr

Milosevic's support, especial-

Milosevic: comfortable

despite sanctions

support for Mr Milosevic.

On Sunday, thousands of

suffered a total collapse.

Thousands of dead later

Cornered Milosevic

retains his support

BYTIM JUDAH AND DESSA TREVISAN

force chief, pledged that, in case of foreign military inter-vention in Yugoslavia, the country would resist "to the end, to the very last". He said that anti-aircraft rocket defence systems withdrawn from former Yugoslav republics "just in time" were now redeployed around Belgrade

and in a state of readiness. General Stevanovic said that, while America and Nato had the capability to bomb Belgrade, he thought it un-likely that they would launch such an attack. The general's comments seem to fit a pattern of whipping up a mood of fear and defiance to rally the Serbian nation around President Milosevic. Yesterday Slobodan Milosevic hailed as a success the report that 60 per cent of Serbian

ly outside Belgrade, comes from independent television

and radio stations' inability to

reach further than the out-

skirts of the capital; Serbia's

enormously influential and

state-controlled televsion and

radio, on the other hand,

broadcast to the entire

tion parties are not the blame-

less victims of a "media

blockade" as they try to

present themselves. Through-

out a year of war and collapse

they have consistently bick-ered, changed their minds

and, until last week, failed to

present any kind of seriously united platform against Pres-ident Milosevic. Their disuni-

ty has enabled the govern-

foreign powers.

plumeting production.

tions, President Milosevic is

However, Serbia's opposi-

voters had turned out on Sunday in polls for a new federal parliament.

In Bosnia, Radovan Karadzic, the Serb leader, said "the Serbian nation (in Bosnia) is on the threshold of victory and of achieving its aims", and that Europe had to take note of this. Belgrade radio reported that Bosnian Serb troops had "eliminated" resistance in Sanski Most. and that in the town of Prijedor only a few "blinded Muslim extremists" had refused to surrender.

Despite such talk of victory ported that Muslims in Bosnia were keeping "thousands" of Serbs in concentration camps, and that Serbs from Trebinie, close to the Croatian port of Dubrovnik, had to flee in the face of a Croatian artillery attack. Serbian-led Yugoslav army troops shelled Dubrovnik yesterday for the fourth day run-ning. Croatian artillery responded to the shelling. As sanctions began to be

implemented against Serbia and Montenegro, more and more senior businessmen and captains of industry began to tell tales of woe, contradicting statements by politicians over the past few days that sanctions would have little effect. Slobodan Milosajevic, the di-rector of a highly successful import-export company, said: "Even at this hour the regime is gathering around puppet directors who tell tales about doing business with other planets and unknown countries . . . (in fact) all economic life will come to a standstill, and anyone who understands anything about economics should be quite clear about this." Milan Kubat, the director of the large agricultural conglomerate called Novi Sad, said: "The same will happen to us as is happening

ment to label them traitors Petrol rationing is on the cards, and despite hopes that and, as President Milosevic Romania could be used as a did again yesterday, accuse conduit for illicit oil supplies a them of being in the pay of cryptic report yesterday spoke The opposition parties have also failed to persuade most of "certain disagreements with our Romanian partners" the electorate that they have a which have temporarily stopped the "Hero Pinki" convincing economic policy to rescue the republic from fleet from unloading at the the grip of hyperinflation and Black Sea Constanza oil terminal Serbia and Montene-Now, faced with potentially gro are believed to have crippling international sancenough oil reserves to last

three weeks. Some 20 per

once again rallying the nacent of domestic consumption and appealing to atavistion is produced locally, so the army should be able to carry tic fears of national encirclement, highlighting the image on operations. of plucky little Serbia stand-ing against the evil foreign Radio Belgrade managed to find one piece of good news last night. It reported the arrival of an Aeroflot flight powers. The picture from Belgrade may look very different, from Moscow. however, when the traffic has

Envoy to go, page 16



Face of relief: a Bosnian girl, one of 61 refugees to flee the strife-torn region, picking up a meal from a Red Cross worker in Vienna

Bank chiefs pay for vanishing rouble ordination. Government

chairman of Russia's Central Bank, and his deputy resigned yesterday after presenting their annual report to the praesidium of the Russian parliament. The full parliament had been due to hear

the report later this week. The resignations came the day after Yegor Gaidar. Russia's first deputy prime minis-ter, had described the nationwide shortage of banknotes as "possibly the gravest and most explosive element" in Russia now and the one that could bring the government down. Millions of workers are being paid more than one month in arrears, if at all, because insufficient banknotes are being printed to make up government-agreed pay increases.

Mr Matyukhin and Vladimir Rasskazov, his deputy, had been under pressure for several months. Through the spring, the sharpest criticism had come from the radical government of Mr Gaidar, which charged the bank with threatening Russia's economic reform programme by relaxing controls on the money supply and selling credit too

In the past two months criticism has been voiced mainly by the Russian parliament and the conservatives, who accused the bank of exercising too rigorous control over the money supply, leaving enterprises with no money to pay their staff and paralysing the system of payments in industry. Last month the parliamentary budget committee said that more than 72 billion roubles

A shortage of banknotes in Russia has been compounded by the resignation of the central bank chief and his deputy, Mary Dejevsky writes from Moscow

rate) was outstanding in wage payments, and put the gross figure for inter-enterprise debts at one trillion roubles. The government has met

rising discontent over the cash shortage with emergency payments sent to particular trouble spots when strikes threaten, and has so far managed to fend off any outbreaks of unrest. When President Yeltsin travelled to southern Siberia last week, he took 500 million roubles with him to pay the salaries of disgruntled workers.

One candidate for the post of Russian Central Bank

JOHN Major is flying to

Bonn on Friday to meet

Helmut Kohl, the German

chancellor, and will use the

occasion to try to persuade

volved in the four-nation, £21

billion European Fighter Air-

Germany, Britain, Italy

and Spain signed a develop-

ment agreement and the pro-

totype fighter is due to fly next

month. However, Germany

has hinted that it might with-

draw from the project be-

craft programme.

cause of the cost.

former Russian economics minister and known radical, who is now working for the European Bank of Reconstruction and Development in London. Mr Fedorov published an article in the Russian press last week criticising the policy of the Russian bank

possible to do a better job. The post of chairman may not be vacant yet, however. Mr Matyukhin and his deputy may yet be persuaded to

and suggesting that it was

remain in office. Since the Russian bank absorbed the Soviet State Bank in December, confusion has

reigned about its precise sub-

Major battles for Euro-fighter

By Michael Evans, Defence correspondent

third of the cost, would be

badly affected by a German

withdrawal. A decision will be

made on July 1. Yesterday,

the programme was raised by

tary, during a visit to London by Klaus Kinkel, his German

In Bonn, Mr Major is ex-

pected to emphasise the im-

portance of the collaborative

programme for all four part-

ners. About 40,000 British

jobs are at stake. The German decision had been due

this week, but Herr Kohl

agreed to postpone it for a

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counterpart.

ministers said earlier this year that the bank was under the jurisdiction of the Russian parliament, and implicitly blamed parliament for encouraging it to squander money. Recently, however, parliamentary leaders have denied that the bank is answerable to them and say that it is jointly answerable to parliament and the government.

Mr Yeltsin, who is both head of state and head of government, insisted over the weekend that all officials and institutions are subordinate to the president. His remarks suggested that anyone who resigned had to submit his resignation to the president.

Mr Gaidar appeared to be trying to soften his remarks in an address to a conference of reformist parliamentarians

month to allow Mr Major to

state secretary in the German

economics ministry, said yes-

lose tens of thousands of jobs

A German government

commission chaired by

Volker Ruhe, the defence

minister, who has hinted at

his wish to withdraw from the

project, completed a cost

study at a final meeting last night. Alternative aircraft be-

ing considered by Germany include the American F18.

Erich Riedl, parliamentary

make his case.

if Bonn pulls out.

Denmark Magaiii poised for 'yes' vote

Copenhagen: Opinion polis for greater European political union in Denmark's binding national referendum on the Maastricht treaty today (Christopher Follett writes).

After weeks of polls showing objectors and supporters of the treaty running neck-and-neck, final surveys all showed a clear swing to the "yes" camp. The last Gallup poll carried out for Danish Radio News, based on more than 900 interviews, predicted a 53 per cent vote in favour and 47 per cent against.

A large majority in the Danish parliament supports the treaty, which the 12 European Community states are to ratify by the end of the year. Only in Denmark and Ireland are referendums being

Soccer charge

Paris: Jean Fournet-Fayard, president of the French Football Federation, was charged with manslaughter in cornection with the collapse of a stadium stand in Corsica las month in which 15 people

Eta chief held

Madrid: Spanish police said that Inaki Bilbao, a suspected member of the Eta separatist French Basque country, was the new leader of Eta and was wanted on murder charges. (AFP)

Child workers

Geneva: Hundreds of millions of children worldwide are toiling on the land, in pitiful wages, according to a UN report on the increase in child labour. (AP)

Carlos sentence:

Paris: Illich Ramirez Sanchez, known as "Carlos" the Venezuelan-born terrorist. has been sentenced in his absence to life imprisonment for shooting dead two officers ' of the French counter-intelligence agency 17 years ago.

Dirty rat

Peking: Police launched a search for a thief who took a man's life savings of £1.000 in banknotes hidden in his home — and two days later 1. found the money had been taken by a rat to line its nest a few feet away. (Reuter)

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US cash opens capitalist doors for discarded Soviet officers

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FROM ROBERT SEELY IN KIEV

ON THE fifth floor of an adult education institute in one of Kiev's dreary suburbs, Captain First Rank Mikhail Korunov puzzled over a marketing questionnaire. Captain Korunov, who has spent most of his adult life in a Soviet nuclear submarine beneath the Pacific Ocean, is being made redundant as part of Ukraine's drive to shrink the 750,000-strong armed forces the republic inherited from the Soviet

His evening classes are pri-vately funded by an American-based charity and provide basic training in busi-ness for a small minority of officers. The course is the only one of its kind in Ukraine; the government has yet to finance a retraining programme. Captain Korunov, proud and polite and in his mid-forties. is one of tens of thousands of former Soviet officers who will be eased out of jobs once the most prized in the former USSR, but now seen as un-

Faced with the closure of Kiev's naval accademy, the captain had little choice but

derpaid and carrying little of the respect they once

to apply for the course, al-though faced with harsh com-petition from the more adaptable younger generation he is likely to be left unemployed and reliant on a tiny pension.

The 93 students, all senior officers with doctorates, are schooled for 144 hours in the rigours of the market economy, starting with basic intromarketing and business communication. They feel a mix-ture of betrayal and lost pride at the hands of a republican government desperate to save

Those under 35 said they would gladly sell their exper-tise abroad if they could find the means to do so. Major Sergei Bibich, who holds a military doctorate and teaches tank and armoured per-sonnel carrier drivers said: "I am willing to work anywhere in the world training soldiers to use Soviet military

Major Bibich said he could not even take night work in restaurants or as a taxi-driver because moonlighting was illegal. "I have two children and I do not believe that in five years I will be able to support them," he said.

However, Major Bibich is one of the luckier members of the course. He is young and has expertise that is saleable in civilian life.

He hopes to open a garage ervicing the foreign cars of Ukraine's nouveau riche: finding out how the West works, however, is only the first of his problems. He cannot yet legally rent a garage because laws on property rights have still to be devised.

Broadway revels in revival of glitter

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN NEW YORK

(£400 million at the market

IN A fitting tribute to this year's triumphant revival of Broadway, the theatre world has awarded the biggest share of its Tony honours to Guys and Dolls and Crazy For You, two musicals in the old New York tradition of glittering song, dance and

The big exception in a season that is being celebrated as Broadway's most exciting for years was the award for best play and two other categories to Brian Friel's Dan-cing at Lughnasa, an Abbey Theatre production from Dublin about five frustrated sisters in rural Ireland. Patrick Mason, who won an award for best play director. said he could understand why the presenter mispronounced the title as Dancing at Lasagna. He added: "The road from Ballybeg to Broadway is not an obvious one, and we have journeyed here from Abbey Street via the Thames Embankment and Charing Cross Road to 45th Street and Broadway." Brid Brennan won the best actress prize for her role.

Nostalgia prevailed in the musical categories. Crazy for You, based on a new book by Ken Ludwig and an old score by George and Ira Gershwin, took the best musical, choreography and lighting design. The new production of Guys and Dolls, directed by Jerry Zaks, won best revival, director, and leading actress for Faith Prince, who plays Miss Adelaide There was Miss Adelaide. There was only a little carping among critics that the musical was

really a remake of the Gershwins Girl Crazy. It may be a revival of a their city. 1950 masterpiece, but as



Starry night: Glenn Close holds the trophy she was awarded for leading actress

the musical that romanticises the golden age of cuddly gangsters. Times Square and Broadway, the new pro-duction of Guys and Dolls has been acclaimed as a symbol of the cultural revival of New York itself. As looters laid waste to Los Angeles last month. New York's editorial writers were pointing to the phenome-non of Guys and Dolls as evidence of new faith in

of fresh native talent were

the awards to two new musi-cals. Jelly's Last Jam, on the

life of the jazz pioneer Jelly

Roll Morton, and Falsettos, about a family living in both

heterosexual and homosex-ual circles. Falsettos won for

its score by the composer-lyricist, William Finn, and

for its book by Finn and

James Lapine, the director.

"I love everyone in this audience and I'm a miserable

person" said Finn, a writer of musicals whose off-

Perhaps more indicative

Broadway work dealing with homosexuality as a serious topic is believed to have delayed his wider recognition. Accepting the award for best leading actor in a musical. Gregory Hines, who plays Jelly Roll Morton, thanked George Wolfe, the director and writer, for bringing a work about blacks to the American musical stage "that does not find us happy and dancing all the time After years of empty theatres and imported hits, a host of all-American productions are drawing near-full houses and earning the big-gest profits in Broadway history. Frank Rich, the revered and feared critic of The New York Times, decreed that Broadway had probably shrugged off the curse of the

British mega-musical. "It may mark the end of New York audiences' infatuation with the West End aesthetic that places Euro Disneyland gimmicks above content." Rich said. However, one Briton, Mike credit for the revival as director of Crazy for You.

Hailing the vitality of the new generation of American playwrights, Rich said that ous and talked-about new play in London" is Angels in America by Tony Kushner, a New Yorker, at the National Theatre.

Rich's praise for Broad-way did not deter Glenn Close from delivering a swipe at the critic when she rose to accept her Tony for best leading actress in Ariel Dorfman's Death and the Maiden. Cheers broke out when she noted that she had won despite a panning from The Butcher of Broadway. as Rich is known.

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Demjanjuk defence says 'Ivan' fled to Yugoslavia

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN JERUSALEM

"IVAN the Terrible", the brutal Ukrainian guard who oversaw the deaths of 850,000 Jews at the Treblinka death camp in Poland, may have escaped punish-ment and started a new life on the Adriatic coast of Yugoslavia, the Israeli supreme court in Jerusalem was told

In the closing session of the appeal hearing of John Demjanjuk, 72, the retired Ford car worker sentenced to death for being the notorious gas chamber operator, his deience presented further testimony yesterday, suggesting that he is the victim of a case

Riots hit Iranian city again

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN CAIRO

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FOR the second time in a week, a provincial city in Iran has been affected by violent street protests after govern-ment efforts to prevent the construction of illegal housing by some of the poorest members of society.

Over the weekend, riot-hit areas of Mashhad, one of Iran's holiest cities, were sealed off and several hun-i dred arrests made. Six people are believed to have been killed in the unrest which, according to exiled opposi-tion sources, resulted in the imposition of martial law in the city, the site of the shrine of Shia Islam's eighth imam.

Last week, in similar incidents, riot police clashed with a crowd of 3,000 who burned banks and municipal buildings in the western industrial city of Arak. That violence, sparked off by the killing of a boy aged 12 in a confrontation over a squatter camp, was referred to only obliquely in Iran's censored media.

Residents in Mashhad said on Sunday that black smoke hung over parts of the city after thousands of angry Iranians went on the rampage, burning buses, wrecking banks and government buildings and looting govern-ment shops. Commercial life remained at a standstill and government offices were

closed, they said. The government has been sending in bulldozers to raze squatter dwellings in Iran's cities, home for tens of thousands of unskilled workers who labour in factories. Unlike the peasants, these urban dwellers have not shared in recent schemes for land

of mistaken identity. The new evidence, contained in 19 documents retrieved from Russian archives, consists of KGB interrogation reports and captured Nazi files, which identify the guard as Ivan Marchenko.

"If we were 100 per cent sure of his innocence before, we are now 150 per cent sure," said Demjanjuk's son, John, 26. He predicted that his father would be freed in the coming month.

Demjanjuk seemed largely oblivious to the proceedings. He was brought into court in a wheelchair, sobbing in ago-ny after he fell and hurt his back while being transported to the courthouse.

Yoram Sheftel, Demjanjuk's Israeli lawyer, told the court that in the past year he had accumulated 79 deposi-tions and affidavits proving that Mr Marchenko and Demianiuk were different people and that his client never was at Treblinka. His evidence, based primarily on photographs, SS staff files and the interrogation of 37 former camp guards, sug-gests that Mr Marchenko was nine years older and 312 inches taller than Demjanjuk, was born in another part of Ukraine and was married with three children, when Demjanjuk was single. Mr Sheftel has highlighted other physical differences, but suggested that they may have looked enough alike to confuse Treblinka survivors who identified Demjanjuk as 'Ivan the Terrible".

The most compelling new evidence is the KGB interrogation sheet of Nikolai Shelayev, who operated the gas chambers at Treblinka with "Ivan the Terrible" and was captured, tried and executed by the Russians at the end of the war. According to his account, Mr Marchenko was transferred by the SS to Trieste in June 1943. In the spring of 1944 he deserted the German forces and escaped from Fiume near by, now the Yugoslav town of Rijeka. Shelayev, who was interrogated in 1951, said he last saw Mr Marchenko in Marchenko had a Yugoslav girlfriend and planned to settle in the area with her.

Michael Shaked, the prosecuting lawyer, also presented the court with new wartime files that identify Demjanjuk by name and SS number. They show that he was transferred to Sobibor, in Poland, on March 26, 1943 and then to Flossenburg, in Germany, on October 10, 1943. However, Mr Shaked said that he has not found any new corroborating evidence linking Demjanjuk to Treblinka.

ANC expects black rule to free funds

FROM MICHAEL HAMLYN IN JOHANNESBURG

THE firebrands of the African National Congress have faced a particularly acute dilemma during the past few days. The problem has been how to reconcile the hunger of their supporters for land, housing and social justice with the need to reassure the whites that they have little to fear from

an ANC government.
During a four-day conference to draw up policy guidelines for the move-ment, the ANC leadership was at great pains to say that they would not do more than the economy would bear. But Trevor Manucl, head of the ANC's economics department. spoke of "the post-apart-heid dividend", analogous to the so-called peace divi-dend in the West.

As the ending of the Cold WAL is expected to free funds for social develop-ment, so the ending of white minority rule is expected to free funds for black development. Mr Manuel said that they were studying ways of realiocating resources under a dem-

ocratic government. He said that there had been tremendous wastage in the economy "within various government departments, within the way in which certain industries have been protected in South Africa and the way in which economic decisions have been taken in pursuance of political objectives of the apartheid regime.

There will be a post-apartheid dividend that will make an impact on the amount of resources available to fulfil the kinds of objectives that our policy guidelines set out." Detailed discussion of

the ANC's programme has been largely swamped by the movement's threats of mass action in support of its constitutional demands. But the programme, enthusiastically approved by 800 representatives from all over the country, calls for reforms regarding land and agricultural policy. A new housing policy would be administered by a single national housing department. A state-financed education system would depend on a national curriculum. A national health service would take over most health care. It also lays down guidelines for the future of the South

African security forces. • Moscow: After talks in the Kremlin with President Yeltsin, President de Klerk announced yesterday that South Africa was extending an immediate line of credit of 100 million rand to Russia to boost trade (Michael

Binyon writes). Speaking on the first day of a visit that ended 35 years of mutual hostility. Mr de Klerk said he was in Russia because communism had fallen and apartheid was dead in South Africa. The credit, he said. would be increased as relations developed.



Restoring cup: a policeman offers water to John Demjanjuk, who hurt his back in a fall on the way to his appeal hearing in Jerusalem yesterday

mourning in square

By Catherine Sampson IN PEKING AND DAVID WATTS IN LONDON

CHINA has banned laughter in the vicinity of Tiananmen Square, where many Chinese died during pro-democracy protests on June 4, 1989. On the signs erected at the monument to the people's heroes, the government has also banned mourning or the

placing of flowers.

After a long silence, Xu
Jiatun, who was Peking's
representative in Hong Kong
before defecting to America,
has reiterated his faith in socialism while defending the 1989 democracy movement. Mr Xu wrote in the South China Morning Post that the movement "evolved into a demand by all the people for . . . comprehensive far-reaching reforms." But he failed to condemn the killings, suggesting that he still sees himself as part of

the Communist Party.
Chinese officials in Hong
Kong yesterday rebuffed attempts by Dai Qing, the dissident journalist, to obtain permission to return home.

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China bans Arafat has cerebral blood clot removed

Yassir Arafat, 62, chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organisation, underwent a successful operation in Amman yesterday to remove a cerebral blood clot brought on when he was in a plane crash in the Libyan desert in April. King Husain of Jordan visited him as soon as he woke from the operation.

Koichi Kato, Tokyo's chief cabinet secretary, has ex-changed his old limousine for a Cadillac in an effort to encourage imports of Ameri-

Jacques Calvet, chairman of Peugeot, says that he is considering running for president of France in 1995 when François Mitterrand's second seven-year term is due to expire.

can cars.

The ailing Japanese foreign minister, Michio Watanabe. 68, is suffering from a gall-stone and a bile-duct infection and may require surgery. The prime minister, Kiichi Miyazawa, has taken over his The Samoan-born jazz singer Mavis Rivers, 63. who recorded albums for the Capitol and Reprise labels in the 1960s, has died in Los Angeles after a stroke.

Lutz Stavenhagen, 52, a for-mer top aide of Helmut Kohl, the German chancellor, has died of pneumonia.

The Spanish foreign minister, Francisco Fernández Ordónez, 62, who has suffered poor health for months, cancelled all his engagements because of tiredness after visits to Chile and Argentina last

Kenneth Kaunda, former president of Zambia, was forced to flee a public rally at Chingola when a jeering. crowd surged towards him, official newspapers reported.

President Nujoma of Na-mibia has received Kenya's highest civilian award from President Moi for being an inspiration to mankind in the struggle to free his people from colonial domination.

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Rio summit: idealists and sceptics watch for a North-South compromise

Middle-man Major takes role of realist

POLITICAL EDITOR

THE British government is already facing a painful di-lemma over the Rio de Janeiro Earth summit which John Major will attend next week. having pressed President Bush to do the same.

British ministers are alarmed at the prospect of signing the bio-diversity treaty on the protection of global wildlife and plant species. They argue that in its present form it amounts to the signing of a blank cheque, with the organisation which would

Cerrist Paulcy.

monitor results being empowered to set unlimited expenditure levels, for which the bills would have to be met by the richer industrialised One minister said yester-day that the lawyers' advice

was that bills would be coming in for ever, if Britain were to sign the treaty in its present scious, too, that if the summit

But the government is conis perceived as a flop it could rebound on the international standing of Mr Major, who was one of the first world



leaders to commit himself to the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development summit — to give it its full title - and to urge others to do so too. Some argue that this consideration makes it almost impossible for Britain to fail to sign the bio-diversity treaty.

Foreign office sources are already complaining bitterly that "all or nothing" environmental lobbies are unwilling to consider any reasonable compromise on environmental questions, but are insisting that "half a loaf" would be a total sell-out. There is considerable British irritation, too. at what is seen as the gesture politics of Carlo Ripa di Meana, the European Com-

Tented campaigners make their pitch

FROM GABRIELLA GAMINI IN RIO DE JANEIRO

TENTS and marquees were still being erected when "92 Global Forum" — the alternative environment conference in Rio de Janeiro set up on a lively and colourful Flamengo beachside — opened its doors to the public yesterday.

Enviromentalists were hanging up their posters pub-licising the demands and messages they hope to send to world leaders who begin to discuss world environmental policies at the Earth summit in a conference hall 20 miles outside central Rio de Janeiro

Wigol Schaffer, one of at least 4,000 environmentalists taking part in the forum. belongs to Apremabi, a Brazilian non-governmental organisation that is campaigning against deforesta-

"We are here to get our campaign against deforestation heard and seen by the public, but we are also here to tell world leaders that this is an urgent problem that cannot be mixed up with poli-tics," Senhor Schaffer said. He added that the offer on Sunday from President Bush of \$150 million (£82 million) a year for reforestation schemes in developing countries was just "a drop in the ocean". He said: "Our organisation alone, which is campaigning for the reforestation of 80,000 hectares (200,000 acres) in southern Brazil, needs close to that to carry out full programme to rebuild the

Apremabi is working to stop the destruction of a pine forest called Mata Atlantica in the southern state of Santa Caterina. It is an area that once was inhabited by 200,000 indigenous people from the Xokelng and Kaingang tribes. But it has been developed by a community of German and Italian immigrants who started arriving in Brazil in the mid-19th century and mainly live in the city of Blumenbaum. Now there are only 1,500 indigenous people and 3 per cent of the original forest left.

Bill Dumount, a forester from British Columbia, Canada, who has a stand near protectionist policies, however. He says that deforestation cannot be avoided. "We cannot tell people not to use their forests; it provides work and a living," he said.

He proposes to put the Canadian model forward to Brazilian non-governmental organisations working on deforestation. "In British Columbia, 52 per cent of forests were felled, but there was a concerted effort to reforest those areas and it worked," he said. The problem in Brazil, he added, was that most of the deforested areas were used for unregulated cattle farms. "People have to be told that forests can be used but have to be replaced."

the meeting on the grounds that it is a pre-arranged sham and that targets for the reduction of greenhouse gases, on which he has worked hard in Europe, are too imprecise.

Michael Howard, the environment secretary, believes that Britain has done much to give the summit the chance of success. He played a key role in persuading the Americans to attend by securing changes in the wording of the other key agreement on global warming, and a summit without the United States would have been dismissed as point-less. But instead Britain is now being pilloried by envi-ronmental lobbies for having connived in the watering down of the agreement to cut back carbon dioxide

missions. There is resentment in the British camp that other nations, as some are apt to do within the EC, are willing to sign up blithely to agree-ments which will never be implemented and which they have no intention of honouring rather than putting work into securing deals which have some chance of actually being put into effect.

One senior Whitehall source said yesterday: "When we sign up to treaties we mean it. Some other countries have a rather more cavalier attitude."

Amid the increasingly fran-tic international posturing, the British delegation, which will include Mr Major, Mr Howard and Baroness Chalker, the overseas aid minister, are seeking to become the realists of the Rio meeting, by brokering deals between the sceptics and the idealists.

In that role, they believe, they may have been helped by the hard line taken by America, which is refusing any concrete commitments on the environment which could hinder the American recovery from recession. Mr Major is flying to see President Bush in Washington this weekend

before he moves on to Rio. David Maclean, the environment minister who is already in Rio, ruled out vesterday the spending of up to £75 billion by richer nations on securing sustainable economic development in poorer countries. He said: The developed world is in recession. If the developing tions of the world in the middle of a very, very bad recession have the resources to be able to proceed quickly, then I am afraid that is just not possible".

Labour was quick to home in on the government's environmental embarrassment. Ann Taylor, the shadow environment minister, said it was nonsense for ministers to go to Rio at all if Britain was not to sign the bio-diversity treaty. A Department of the Environment spokesman emphasised: "Nothing has yet been decided. There are two weeks of talks to go yet before the signing ceremony."

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Yanomami culture is at risk from outside influences and diseases brought by prospectors

Counting the trees brings confusion

FROM MICHAEL MCCARTHY. ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT, IN RIO DE JANEIRO

HOW many trees should a country have? "That's a tough one, isn't it?", says Andrew Bennett, chief nanural resources adviser to Britain's Overseas Development Administration.

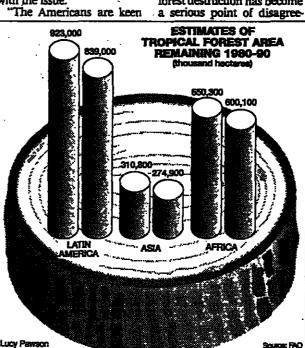
The question is easily answered with food, he says; you have to have enough or people starve. But with trees it is harder. Just how much forest cover does the world need? Where does it need it? Why does it need it? What code of conduct should countries adopt towards it? Should Brazil preserve its rainforests? building transport department spare Oxleas Wood, the last stretch of ancient woodland in London?

It is because these questions have never really been asked before that the Earth summit negotiators are contemplating a third agreement to go alongside the conventions on climate change and bio-diversity, the first international statement of principles on forests. But it is hanging in the balance because it, too, has become bogged down in North-South rivalry.

Industrialised countries, led by the United States, want the statement to be turned into another binding convention, and countries involved in the

FORESTS. logging of tropical rainforest, led by Malaysia, are refusing. President Bush's announcement yesterday of \$150 million (E82 million) in aid for

tropical forest projects is an indication that America feels easy, and even self-righteous, with the issue.



on a forest convention bement between North and cause they would not have to South. Environmentalists in do much, whereas with Europe and North America strong climate change and look aghast at the pictures of rainforest cleared and burnt bio-diversity treaties their commitments would have and criticise the logging nabeen considerable," said Antions, such as Brazil, Malaysia and Indonesia. Yet these thony Juniper, tropical rainforest campaigner for countries fiercely resent the Friends of the Earth. criticism, pointing out that the rich North has already ripped out its own forests to a

As a result, tropical rainforest destruction has become

greater extent. Mr Bush's pledge will be seen by many merely as an attempt to polish America's tarnished environmental record. Last month the Macheek, suggested all nations should join in a new "Greening of the World". You like forests, they said, so do we. Let us have, say, 30 per cent of land area in all our countries under forest cover. Those which have less can grow towards this target and, if unable to do so, can give financial help to those countries willing to try.

The Malaysians currently have 56 per cent forest cover. and say they are aiming for a permanent level of 50 per cent. Industrialised countries have a much smaller proportion: Britain's forest cover is less than 10 per cent. So far the offer is still lying on the

UN relief pledged to Africa

Geneva: An appeal to end fighting in Mozambique and avert famine was made yesterday by Baroness Chalker, Minister of Overseas Development at a United Nations conference pledging help to ten drought-ravage countries in southern Africa (Alan McGregor writes). "The continuing insecurity

there is a serious obstacle to relief efforts," she said. She hoped that the peace talks between the Mozambique factions in Rome would lead quickly to a ceasefire. John Hicks, the American

delegate, also emphasised the need to end the fighting in announcing donations total-ling £220 million. Britain do-nated £34 million and is supporting European Community proposals for an addi-tional food aid programme.

"It is difficult to think of an emergency which has held so many countries at once in so tight a grip," Baroness Chalk-er added. She regretted that South Africa had not been invited to the conference.

Supplies looted Nairobi: Somali gunmen at

Mogadishu airport looted 1,760lb in medical supplies and six tonnes of United Nations high-protein - food mix flown in over the weekend to save starving children, relief workers said. (Reuter)

Unholy water:

Delhi: Mahant Veer Bhadra Mishra, head of a Hindu religious sect, is taking a bottle of polluted water from the Ganges to the Rio summit. Much of the pollution is caused by inefficient cremations along the Indian river bank. (Reuter)

Running dry

Peking: A national campaign to save water will be launched in China next week to alect the public to the problems of waste, notably in industry, the China Daily said. (AFP)

Warning given Paris: A group of 264 scientists and intellectuals from 29 countries have issued a warning against "irrational" decisions likely to compromise world progress at the Earth summit, Le Figaro reported

Aid discussed

Addis Ababa: Officials from five states in the Horn of Africa are meeting to discuss how to get food through to an estimated 4.5 million people, destitute and facing starvation because of the civil war in Somalia. (Reuter)

Making rain

Harare: Herbert Ushewokunze. Zimbabwe's water resources minister and president of the traditional healers association, has paid a rainmaker, to try to end Zimbabwe's worst drought this century. (Reuter)

California senate primary steals limelight

Hollywood casts Perot in main feature EVEN by their Californian

supporters George Bush and Bill Clinton are more tolerated than loved. According to polling for today's last big primary of the year, the president is rated unfavourably by 56 per cent of voters here, 9 per cent more than his national "bad news number". For Governor Clinton, the same gloomy figures are 54 per cent and 48 per cent. The president, beset by ru-

mours from his crumbling campaign team, has been able to do little to improve his standing by personal appearances in riot zones. Fortunately for him, Patrick Buchanan, his only Republican opponent, is beaten. Mr Clinton stayed here

closer to polling day than expected, nervous that Jerry Brown, the former California governor, might do well enough to damage his near certain nomination. Polls suggest, however, that Mr Brown is almost the least of his worries.

Eyes are fixed on Ross Perot and on whatever else might happen in a political year that has never remained uneventful for long. Hollywood, an increasingly important source of image-enhan-cers and cheque-writers for both parties, is quieter now than it was in February when Senator Bob Kerrey was the choice of the Democratic stars and Arnold Schwarzenegger was trying to rescue Mr

Fund-raising parties have been put on hold and some scriptwriters believe that the winning election scenario has still to be written, Peter Stothard writes in Los Angeles

fund-raising parties are "on Early revelations about Mr Clinton's relationship with Gennifer Flowers did not hurt him much among the bankrollers of Beverly Hills, many of whose clients and

friends had received similarly

unwelcome exposure from su-

permarket tabloids.

Bush in New Hampshire. Big

Although Ross Perot does not need Walt Disney money and offends Venice Beach morality with his talk of not hiring homosexuals for senior government positions, the film community feels that he has a place in the plot. John Milius, the conservative writer of Dirty Harry and Magnum Force, is one of Mr Perot's outspoken Hollywood fans. The names of others, including Steve Martin and Jack Nicholson, the actors,

have emerged in the drip-feed of industry gossip. Imaginative scenario-writers see Mr Bush defeated by a Perot-Clinton ticket. But everyone knows that there must be many more script conferences before that can happen. In November, California will choose 54 electoral colege members, a lifth of the 270 votes needed for victory. In the primary season, despite efforts to bring its election date forward, it is voting too late to have an impact on whom the main parties select.

The more immediate interest is in the result of today's double senate primary. This rare political event is caused by the retirement of Alan ranston, the Democrat veteran, and the need for John Seymour, the Republican appointed member, to gain election in his own right for the final two years of the term originally won by Pete Wilson, his mentor and now governor.

This is supposed to be the year of the elected woman" and it would appeal to California's "leading edge" mentality to be the first state to have two women senators after November. Dianne Feinstein is set for an easy win today in her Democratic primary against Gray Davis, a former Brown aide. She would then have to defeat Mr Seymour in a classic contest between a charismatic north Californian woman and a dull southern Californian man. Tradition gives masculinity and duliness the advantage. But Ms Feinstein is as tough an opponent as Mr Seymour is untried. Her fellow San Franciscan,

Barbara Boxer, has a harder task today against one wellknown male oppponent, Leo McCarthy, the lieutenantgovernor, and one exception-ally well-financed one, Mel Levine, the Los Angeles congressman. Late indications suggested that Ms Boxer, who is to the left of Ms Feinstein and has been pilloried on television for "bounc-ing cheques" at the House bank, may just scrape home. If she does, she will face either Tom Campbell, a moderate Republican, or the more conservative Bruce Herschen-sohn. If Mr Herschensohn wins, the clash between two of the country's most ourspoken partisans on abortion could be one of the biggest national dramas even in this dramatic

Party nominees are also being chosen today for 52 congressional seats, the largest number ever to be sent to Washington by one state. There is especially strong in-terest in Washington in the newly created 22nd district where Michael Huffington one of the Republican party's wealthiest backers, has financed his own multimillion-dollar attack on Bob Lagomar-sino, the long-time Republican incumbent.

Monied mavericks, page 12

Yankee knowhow spreads the light

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN NEW YORK When it comes to cele-brating Yankee inge-

always ranked Thomas Edison's light bulb up there with such revolutionary symbols of industrial might as the Model T Ford and the Douglas DC3 aeroplane. So it was not surprising that the launch of a revolutionary light bulb yesterday was being hailed as an historic event.
The new bulb, called the E-lamp, uses high-frequency radio signals instead of a filament to produce light more efficiently and more cheaply: but what makes it special is its lifetime. Instead of the nine-month life expectancy of an ordinary household bulb, the E-lamp

nuity. Americans have

years if used an average of four hours a day.
"We feel this can be as significant an invention as the CD or the fax machine or the cellular telephone was in the 1980s," said Pierre Villere of Intersouce Technologies, a California company which introduced its invention at the Edison Electric Institute's meeting in Columbus, Ohio.

is said to last about 14

For the first time since its invention, light bulbs will no longer be a disposable good, but a durable one, said Mr Villere.

was feted on the front pages of The New York Times among several news-papers, as well as television news. USA Today hailed the invention as proof that American manufacturers were moving with the times, albeit under pressure from consumers and the Japanese. It was no ac-cident that a new report showed that US-made cars now compared favourably with Japanese models for quality. Now, you could pay off your mortgage and bring up your children without changing a light bulb, it noted. The result could be billions of dollars in savings in energy costs. In the E-lamp, an electro-magnetic coil generates a radio signal that mixes with the same gas used in fluor-escent lamps to form plasma, or ionised gas. The piasma strikes a phosphorous coating inside the bulb which glows. The bulb will initially cost several pounds, but it uses only a quarter of the electricity of a traditional bulb and prices are expected to come down soon after it reaches the market early next year. It will also be cheaper than the compact fluorescent bulb which has had limited

appeal to consumers.

The arrival of the E-lamp

AFTER 46 years as America's nuclear sentry, the Stra-

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

America's airborne

sentries sign off

tegic Air Command, one of the most awesome of symbols of superpower tensions, ceased to exist yesterday. With the threat of a sudden

and massive Soviet nuclear attack all but vanished, the institution which inspired such films as Dr Strangelove is being broken up and its responsibilities dispersed. At a ceremony at the Offutt Air Force base on Nebraska's plains, where the command's global nerve centre was located in a giant hardened bunker beneath the ground, the command's flag, with its shield bearing an armour-covered fist clenching lightning bolts and an olive branch, was lowered for the last time.

In its entire life the command had never fired a missile or dropped a bomb in anger. There is a sense in which you could say that Strategic Air Command won the war that it was established to fight — the Cold war," General Merrill McPeak, the air force chief of staff, said.

The command was created in March 1946 to control America's vast intercontinental bomber and missile force and act as the ultimate deterrent. Its motto was "Peace Is Our Profession". From February 3, 1961, to July 4,

1990, it kept a fully equipped command-and-control plane, known as a Looking Glass flight, airborne every minute of every day, in case the un-derground command centre was destroyed in a Soviet attack. At its peak around the time of the 1962 Cuban missile crisis, the command em-ployed nearly 300,000 people, absorbed nearly half the American defence budget and controlled more than 4.000 strategic missiles. Last September President

Bush ordered America's

bombers and Minuteman II missiles off alert for the first time since 1957, and by yesterday the command's domain had shrunk to 272 long-range bombers, 950 Minuteman and Peacekeeper inter-continental missiles. and just over 500 tanker planes for in-flight refuelling.

A new down-sized Strategic Command is to combine control of America's long-range nuclear missiles and the US Navy's submarine-launched missiles, and will take over SAC's Nebraska state-of-theart headquarters, where eight huge video screens keep America's top brass abreast of developments around the world. SAC's bomber fleet will be combined with the air force's tactical fighters in a new Air Combat Command based at Langley, Virginia.

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Ministers have been

insensitive to Bomber

Harris's memory

t is not old men who forget but young. Born in 1946, Malcolm Rifkind, minister of defence, was not at St Clement Danes on Sunday for the unveiling by Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother of the statue of Bomber Harris. Nor was any other cabinet minister there to give a belated salute to the leader of Bomber Command and his valiant men. In Churchill's words, Bomber Command's creation "was the beginning of defeat for the Luftwaffe and a turning point in our struggle for air supremacy ... without which we would not have

Nearly all our ministers are too young to remember, but they could have consulted the records. Instead they were fearful the Germans would be upset by official praise for the commander whose men did most of all to thwart Hitler, as acknowledged by Albert Speer, described by Churchill as "the most capable of German ministers of production".

The great Adenauer, imprisoned by the Nazis in 1934 and 1944, was mayor of Cologne in 1917 and 1945. He would not have made the snivelling protests of the present mayor against a British ceremony coinciding with the 50th anniversary of a raid on Cologne Adenauer knew such things had to be done to destroy the Nazis and their grip on the minds of the German people.

It is said that ordinary Germans knew little of the persecution of Jews. the concentration camps and gas chambers in which about seven million Jews and dissidents died. I was in Munich for some weeks before Christmas, 1936. I never forgot a talented young Jew of my age asking me to help him get out of Germany where his family had lived for many decades. Already Jews were being ripped from their homes and their properties destroyed. The Nazis were in the streets, beer halls and restaurants threatening doom for all Jews. It was impossible for the German public to be unaware. Yet they did nothing.

andhi once said to me that if the Germans had ruled India they would have driven tanks over non-violent protesters as they lay in the streets. No British officers and soldiers would have been willing to transport millions and ensure their ghastly sufferings and death: it was far too easy to procure Germans for this work. It is probable, as Speer thought, that but for Bomber Command the war in Europe would have dragged on until 1946, with thousands more innocents slaughtered by Hitler and multitudes more civilians and soldiers killed on the German and Allied sides. If it is true that Bomber Command, not only smashed German war production but killed 600,000 civilians then, frightful though that may be, it was far better than the alternative.

We can hope now with confidence that the barbaric streak in the German character has been purged. Certainly, in the heat of war Harris spoke of making the Boche suffer. That was in the context of the natural desire to retaliate for the many thousands of British civilians killed by air raids, which would have continued if Harris had not ripped the guts out of the Lufwaffe. Stalin handsomely paraded Russia's debt of gratitude to Harris, as did Truman and Eisenhower on behalf of the US. Despite Churchill's recommendation for a peerage, Attlee left him out of our victory honours. We began to be ashamed of the man who had done so much to save European civilisation, because of our fastidious disdain for the necessary means. We should cease to emulate the Emperor Justinian, who had his most successful general. Count Belisarius, falsely tried for treason, egged on by the loyal count's spiteful, jealous and petty-minded enemies.

Rio's environmentalists should consider the failings of the Evil Plot theory of mankind, says Janet Daley

rheories. So irresistible are they that political movements which campaign on conspiracy platforms rapidly seize the public imagination. Environmentalism may have progressed. beyond simply blaming capital-ism for despoiling an otherwise beatific world, but its rhetoric still relies heavily on the Evil Plot model.

The greatest success story in this genre was Marxism, which stated that workers were being cheated of the value of their labour by conniving profiteers.
Only when theory turned to practice did it become clear that the value of people's labour was a pure abstraction that did not exist outside of the conspiracy to rob them of it. It took 70 years for the logical flaw to prove fatal, but the lesson of Marxist hubris seems

We will hear much from the Earth summit about conspiracies: the rich against the poor, the North against the South, science against humanity. The desire to cast blame, always one of the chief attractions of conspiracy accounts, is taking a curious twist in

not to have touched a new generation selling tales of global

Wallowing in green guilt

the can for the past, is propagat-ing a new kind of guilt with which to saddle the poor South. Having no price to pay for past excesses, the developing world is being asked to flog itself in advance for what it might be tempted to do in the future.

Thus the burden of guilt is more fairly distributed between established polluters who wronged the planet in ignorance, and potential polluters who can never claim that they did not know better. What is on offer is some kind of trade-off: we will use our cars less if they will have fewer fridges. Our post hoc culpability is to be balanced by their future self-denial. Can we never have world improvements without wasting time and energy (no pun intended) on accusations? The environmental lobby seems to have learnt little about the folly of recrimination. Its first

incarnations relied almost entire-

ly on infantile, anti-capitalist dog-

ma, making Greenery Mark I scarcely distinguishable from an-

archo-communism. The force of its case was weakened by what looked like a neurotic desire for self-flagellation. An anti-Western bias, combined with a distinctly totalitarian tendency, gave it the air of one more species of adolescent leftism arriving on the tail end of 1970s political

When the Soviet Union disinte-grated and revealed its multitude of shameful secrets to the world. we discovered that socialist states without a profit motive to their names had been the greatest polluters of all. But scarcely a blush came to the collective cheek of the green folk, who simply expanded their demonology to encompass all industrialised countries, rather than restricting themselves to capitalist ones.

And here is a sad paradox. Western democracies have a peculiarly sticky dilemma when asked to pay the ecological price they face the short-term wrath of electors, who may be willing to buy the odd roll of recycled loo ment which threatens restrictions on the use of their cars). Totalitar-ian societies that could, in principle, do anything at all, unencumbered as they are by the need for an electoral mandate.

never seem to see this liberating condition as a way to do good but unpopular things. They invari-ably allow a lack of free speech and public information to license total irresponsibility. There is a real danger for the

green movement in relying too heavily on the compellingly dramatic idea of a conscious conspir-acy to loot the planet of its finite resources, either by the selfish rich or the short-sighted poor. An international cartel of exploiters and corruptors who will callously poison the earth in order to safeguard their profit margins may make for a gripping thriller scenario, but what becomes of the movement's credibility when things turn out to be more complex? Dividing the world into

paying higher taxes for aid to the developing world (and instantly terminate the life of any government which the transfer of the media. but for every credulous devotee there is at least one cynic out there who knows that it isn't as simple. as all that

The desire always to see a conscious plan for evil is just one part of a wider human impulse to believe that ad hoc. random events are part of some grand design. So eager are we to understand the world that we prefer even a malign order to no order at all. Better to think that President Kennedy was shot by agents of his own government than to see his assassination as a piece of unpredictable chaos. Not that the Kennedy conspiracy theories are without credence. They are, like all good conspiracy stories, utterly credible. But could that simply be because any way of looking at a set of unconnected facts which suggests a pattern is more sympathetic to human

Sometimes the plot simply in-

has been caused by the claim. from reputable scientists, that Aids-related diseases are not caused by the HIV virus after all. This is an appealing notion not just because, if it were correct, it would defuse the terror of an uncontrollable plague but because it hints at subterranean motives. Is Aids just another name for long-standing diseases that are only identified in this new way when they are visited upon people with certain lifestyles? Is the dogma of political correctness covering up other valuable research avenues? This is a classi-cally persuasive conspiracy story because it hangs together so coherently. For many reasons, we would like to believe it to be true.

views. Much public excitement

We cannot conceive of an uncaused event and we generally prefer our causes to be a function of someone's will because, however nasty that will may be, it is tractable: another mind that can be argued with and persuaded. We may be trapped on a dying planet, but we need not be prisoners of the need to see our fate as someone's wicked plan. It is narrow-minded cant to allow the hunt for perpetrators to swamp the search for

A bigger vote for their bucks

Another mayerick millionaire is showing the power of the US business insurgency, writes Peter Stothard

illiam Randolph Hundred" Hearst would have enjoyed today's California primary elections. This is the year when the "independent man of wealth", who loves his business and hates political parties, has become the voters' friend. All around the Hearst Castle" at San Simeon, the private resort where film stars once cavorted with financiers and godfathers, sit cars spattered with "Perot for President" signs. In front of the tapestries from Versailles and the 3,000-year-old lion gods from Egypt the talk is of how Ross Perot might do what "Citizen Kane" Hearst never could take on the system and win the White House.

The voters of San Simeon cannot yet vote for Mr Perot. Although the Texan billionaire closed his weekend rally in Florida with a band playing "Califor-nia here I come", the task of turning his 30 per cent opinion poll support into votes here must wait for a while. Perotism does not, however, begin or end with its nominal chief. Mr Hearst, if he were still alive, could vote today in California's 22nd district for another multi-millionaire populist, one whose campaign has come to symbolise this extraordi-

nary election season. Michael Huffington is 44 years old and, like Mr Hearst, inherited a mighty fortune from a father who was a mining tycoon. Today he is one of the richest and most generous supporters of the national Republican party. He has served in Ronald Reagan's Pentagon. He has poured large sums into George Bush's coffers and frequently been cited as a leader

of the party's next generation. If this were a normal year, Mr Huffington would have been asked to pay his usual \$100,000

and to guarantee a further sum for the "when the going gets rough". If he had wanted elected office himself, he would have been expected to take on an entrenched Democrat some-

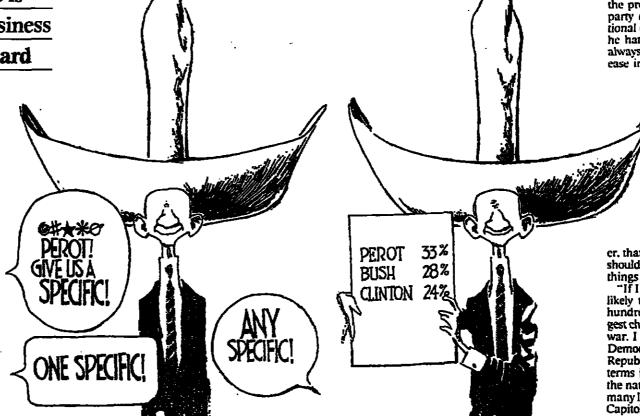
This year, he told

me at his Santa Barbara campaign headquarters, he was not behaving according to plan: "I would work with either Ross Perot or George Bush as president but Ross Perot would more easily bring the change that America needs . . . and I am being very careful about whom I give my money to." Instead

Huffington is today locked in a as the husband of the author and who's been a politician for 34 congressional seat he had to go to nastily fought struggle against it. Despite the opposition of the president, of Vice-President Quayle and almost the whole California party, he is attempting to throw a senior Republican

congressman out of office. "Čhildish, venal and personal" is his own description of the "Is your vote for sale?" campaign against him by the nine-times elected Bob Lagomarsino. "We're going to kick that rich-kid back to Texas as fast as he came here" is one of the more printable threats against Mr Huffington from the

"real Republican" side.
Mr Huffington's tall, slim into the president's "Team One frame and sandy face is little



Year of the outsider: the party inertia that inspired Perot is making more rich men challenge the system

of being a loyal part of the Republican family he known to the national public. He independently successful busi- opinion through his media emhas helped to finance, Mr would be best identified in Britain nessman; even my opponent, pire. But when he wanted a society hostess Arianna Stassinopoulos, who was vigorously campaigning at the weekend in jeans and "Huffington for Congress" T-shirt. But this Perotist Republican has already spent \$2.3 million of his own money to make himself known here, more than any other congressional campaign this year. Like Mr Perot, he has promised to spend "whatever

it takes" to win. By traditional rules, as he admitted, the prospects of a recently arrived businessman, however rich and well connected, against an 18-year incumbent would be slim. "But in 1992 it is at last an electoral asset to be an

years, has found himself a business to boast of."

The success of the Huffington campaign has already been remarkable: local observers say that the race, which ought to have been a certainty for Mr Lagomarsino, is now "too close to ". Washington is watching

The American political establishment, spread out among state houses, party offices and newspaper bureaux, has been slow to grasp the rapid acceleration in the weakening of political parties. William Randolph Hearst was the greatest populist of his day, with a direct line to mass public

the Democratic party machine. and when he challenged the Tammany Hall barons he lost. A few rich families, most notably the Kennedys, have bought existing party machines. A few individuals, such as the former Texas governor John Connally, have wasted millions on new machinery when the time was not ripe. Today, however, with local parties seen as little more than merchant banks for fund-raising, the time to bypass them seems very ripe - both to Mr Perot and

others who want a political future. Many in Washington still see this "businessman's insurgency"

as a passing fad. Among them is the president himself, who hates party divisions and non-conventional challenges even more than he hates broccoli. Mr Bush has always been particularly ill-atease in California, the state that

prides itself on predicting the shape of things to come. At a recent White House dinner the president promsed Mrs Huffington that, "if Michael were to win, he would be happily accepted back into the main Republican fold". Mr Hullington

is reluctant, however, that any election success of his should be followed by the shape of things as they were.

"If I am elected", he said. "I'm likely to be one of more than a hundred new members, the biggest change in Congress since the war. I can see myself siding with Democrats, Perot supporters and Republicans to impose limits on terms in office and action to cut the national deficit. There will be many like me who have made it to Capitol Hill by non-conventional routes. Whoever is president, he will face a different world." The Perot campaign, whose workers are outside seeking signatures of support, agrees.

Back at Hearst Castle the last visitors are filing out for the night. The middle-aged women in front of me are looking forward to the Barbara Walters television show in which Mr and Mrs Perot are to be interviewed. Their anticipation is almost that of the bewitched. To hear them talk. President Bush and the Democrats' Bill Clinton might as well have spent this primary season on the golf course. Even the Spanish gargoyles, sprouting around the eaves of the building where Greta Garbo once slept, begin to bear strangely familiar faces - like that of the man from Texas with the sticking-out ears and the three billion dollars to spend.



...and moreover Craig Brown

n line with the rest of the media, all this week and for the remainder of the decade this column will be devoting itself exclusively to lively green issues. We would like to point out that all the words in this new green column have been 100 per cent recycled from the very same words in other green columns. Today, we confront just a few of the green problems facing the world today in an in-depth question-and-answer session:

Question from a Woodbug on a Pine Table. Islington. NI: "I am writing to ask you what can be done about the vastly depleted resources evident in today's dinner party chat. From my point of view, the rise in conservation has been marked by a spiralling drop in conversation. Talk is now restricted to bottle-banks, the ozone layer and the need for more public transport. Unless something drastic can be done, human conversation will become de-pleted still further. Already many expert woodbugs on the front line in high-risk conversation areas such as Hampstead predict that, early in the next century, dinner-party talk will begin to consist only of a series of sighs, moans and futile gestures. Please advise. AW

Answer: Sadly, a great many woodbugs in the Islington area have already been bored to death by the catastrophic rise in green conversation. In one recent case, an elderly woodbug had only just recovered from an onslaught of Organic Farming conversation when he was felled

by a monologue about Brazilian rainforests, with fatal con-sequences. The only hope for Woodbugkind in Islington is the One Woodbug scheme, a plan for all woodbugs to pool their resources and eat their way through the legs of all Islington dining-tables, thus joiting all greens into changing the sub-ject, even for a short time. Question from an obscure Brazilian Tribesman: In recent

years, a great many rare and exotic "rockstars" have surfaced in our rainforests, and with them have come a great many colourful species of fawner such as "dollybirds", "agents" and "filmcrews". Sadly, the number of these rockstars and fawners has dramatically declined over the past few months as a result of new holes opening up in their attention-spans. This means we have been left alone in our rainforests with little chance of appearing on television or play ing our native instruments on top-selling albums and thus escaping from our ancient civilisation to somewhere more fun, with fewer creepy-crawlies and lots of cars and buildings. Advice, please. BT

Answer: I recommend you contact a new pressure group, set up by a group of concerned Brazilian Tribesmen. Current initiatives undertaken by the 'Save the Rockstar" campaign include overseas fact-finding missions to rockstar habitats in Los Angeles and London. The penthouse flats and Georgian homes of these threatened creatures will teach Brazilian Tribes-

men a lot that they didn't know about a calmer, less hectic way of life, a life full of essential modern conveniences in an environment far removed from the rat-race and hurly-burly of the jungle. And if you treat these vanishing rockstars with great care and understanding, they might even not sing for you. Question from the president,

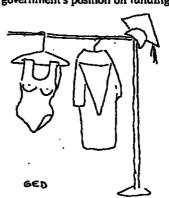
Rodents for Cosmetics Organis-ation: How much longer will widespread Rodent Discrimination be practised by such groups as Ms Anita Roddick's Body Shop? For many decades, the rats, mice and rabbits who compose the majority of our members were allowed to enjoy their fair share of skin and beauty products in return for their help with a little testing. This meant that, for the first time in our history, we were able to improve upon our rather unpleasant smell with the odd dab of perfume, and to make ourselves much prettier by re-course to lipstick, eyeliner and so on. Now, in the wake of the short-sighted human "green" movement, these hard-won rights have been denied us. How can we defend ourselves? Answer: I have had many

similar complaints from the Chimps for a Good Old Smoke organisation, the Plankton Against the Dolphin group, and Friends of the Bamboo-Shoot, who are doing such a terrific job in their fight against the giant panda. Only when Green Awareness is curtailed will these alternative voices be heard. We must fight on!

Greer's second go

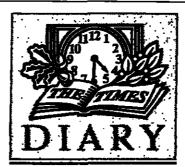
HAVING failed in her attempt to become the Master of Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge, Germaine Greer has another venerable academic institution in her sights. The author of The Female Eunuch has been shortlisted to succeed Sir Claus Moser as warden of Wadham College, Oxford, next year.

Eminently qualified. Greer, who lectures part-time at Newnham College, Cambridge, would at least be a popular choice with undergraduates. The students' union only last week passed a resolution outlining the qualities sought in Moser's successor. "The new warden should be an individual equally committed to educational reform and to fighting the government's position on funding



for education," declared the motion, and should show concern "with Wadham's admission policy and improving representation of female, ethnic minority and state-

school students". Ros Wynne-Jones, president of the Wadham students' union. says: "Many of us want a woman warden, one who is strong enough



to get all the men under control. Germaine Greer is admirably qualified to do that."

Greer proved too much for the Sidney Sussex academics who felt she was too iconoclastic for their high table. Greer, whose book The Change is favourite to win the Fawcett Society Prize for feminist literature in London tomorrow, was dismissive of her defeat in Cambridge, "Who would want to be mistress of the dullest college in Cambridge?" Wadham might be a different proposition. The job comes with a 16th-century apartment, set in its own private grounds in the shadow of the

Lady Warnock, recently retired as mistress of Girton, Cambridge, is enthusiastic about the idea of a woman warden at Wadham. "If we are going to have mixed common rooms and research fellows who are men and women, it is right that more of the principals should be women, too." So is she a Greer supporter? "I would not vote for her. But I would certainly vote for another woman."

 Older readers of the Financial Times may have had a sensation of deja vu on reading Malcolm Rutherford's review of Venus Observed at the Chichester Festival Theatre last week. In one of the new production's few decent no-

tices, Rutherford commended outstanding performance by Val-erie Taylor and Heather Stannard Alas, Taylor is dead and Stannard has not been heard of in many years. They were the stars of the original 1950 production, playing opposite Laurence Olivier. "I was working very quickly in poor light and I had a copy of the original 1950 programme open beside the current programme," explains a contrite Rutherford. The last production he reviewed for the paper was A Slip of the Tongue earlier this month. And yes, it appeared with-

Down to earth

TWENTY years ago earth summits were nothing like as grand. Back in Stockholm in June, 1972. only one prime minister. India's Indira Gandhi, could be bothered to turn up. The British flag was flown by Peter Walker, then environment secretary, while the Soviet Union and most of the Eastern bloc boycotted the event. There were just 1,500 delegates compared with 12,000 in Rio.

Despite the inauspicious beginnings. Maurice Strong, the Stockholm conference secretarygeneral, pledged to hold a second earth summit in the 1990s. True to his word he is now the mastermind behind the Rio conference. Walker recalls of Stockholm: "It was the first environmental con-

ference in history and Britain played a special role. We were the first to have a secretary of state for the environment and everyone wanted to talk to me about how to set up an environment depart-ment." Others have a different recollection of Britain's role. Walker's biggest victory, they point out, was in getting a debate about the environmental impact of Concorde knocked off the agenda.

Tales from a tent

TWO survivors of the very first season were among those braving the elements in Regent's Park last night as the Open Air Theatre celebrated the opening of its diamond jubilee year. Among the audience were Margaretta Scott. 80. and Leslie French, 88, who played Viola and Feste respectively in the "black and white" production of Twelfth Night that opened park productions in 1932.

They just put a few deckchairs out, found a slope for the stage and off we went," says Scott. French and Scott have been regulars ever since. Veterans of many a sodden performance, both favour a return of the marquee where the action used to transfer in bad weather.

Not that the tent was problemfree. French recalls one occasion when A Midsummer Night's Dream transferred to the marquee, only for the moon to reappear in minutes and the actors to resume al fresco. No one told Helena, being played by Martita Hunt. As all awaited her entrance they heard a voice in the tent. "Oh weary night, oh long and ledious night. Where is everybody?"

Punters having a flutter on the Derby may also consider a wager on the future of Canary Wharf. being resolved at Epsom tomorrow. Representatives of most of the central players are expected including Lord White, the Al-Maktoums, and Mrs Thatcher, in many ways Canary Wharf's principal architect. They have a link: Sir Tim Bell, the PR guru, who has worked with each and, until last week, also acted for the Reichmann brothers — at an annual fee £500.000. according to PR Week. Bell, however, has avoided accusations of divided loyalties. He has taken himself off to Australia for the week.

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CANTAB DISTAN

Sir, Rachel Kelly draws parallels

with the Défense project in Paris in your coverage of the collapse of

The top section of La Grande

Arche of that development consists of

splendid exhibition areas on a large

scale. Similarly, the top of the

sists of a restaurant and a viewing

platform. By contrast, a visitor to

Canary Wharf cannot gain access

unless he has specific business with

made of the empty top floors in this

way if only temporarily - perhaps in the form of an art gallery - to bring

life and interest to the area outside

10 Groveside, Bookham, Surrey.

Sir. The infrastructure controversy

surrounding Docklands seems to

concentrate on an expensive and

long-term solution to the problem -

namely, the Jubilee Line extension.-For those working there now, or who

will shortly move there, there is a

The Riverbus, partly owned by

O&Y, runs a good but infrequent

service which is expensive because

the cost is not covered by Travelcard.

If London Underground were given

the resources to purchase the service and increase the frequency within

the Travelcard, access to the Isle of

Sir, "Would any of you think of

building a tower without first sitting down and calculating the cost, to see

whether he could afford to finish it?

"Otherwise, if he has laid its founda-

tion and then is not able to complete

it, all the onlookers will laugh at him.

"'There's the man', they will say,

who started to build and could not

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Dogs would be easier for many.

Yours truly, JOHN HUSTLER.

Liphook, Hampshire.

From Mr David B. Ellis

Ripsley House,

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May 28.

Yours etc., DAVID B. ELLIS,

23 Kingscroft Road.

Leatherhead, Surrey.

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one of the tenants.

Yours faithfully, GILBERT TENNANT,

From Mr John Hustler

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Olympia & York (report, May 29).

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NURSING DEMOCRACY

China's relationship with the West has settled into an unhappy marriage of convenience as the third anniversary of Tiananmen Square approaches this week. Peking continues to be granted mostfavoured-nation trading status in return for its not standing in the way of Western diplomatic designs at the United Nations.

China's agreement to abide by sanctions against Serbia and Montenegro, in spite of its abstention on the actual vote, indicates the value of Washington's hear-no-evil, see-noevil policy towards China in doing business in the security council. Britain, as an architect of the sanctions resolution, also benefited. But in the longer term Whitehall has to be careful that gaining China's assistance in righting Europe's wrongs must not be at the expense of the people of Hong Kong.

British policy towards Hong Kong appears to be moving into a more fluid phase. Before the elections last September, Martin Lee and his fellow United Democrats of Hong Kong were told by the British that further progress toward democracy would be considered if the elections were successful. With candidates he supported now occupying 12 of the available 18 seats on the Legislative Council, the election was successful for Mr Lee by any measure. The arrival of Chris Patten as the colony's new governor offers an opportunity to give Hong Kong's Chinese more say in their own government. A recent opinion poll showed that 83 per cent of respondents expected more democracy from Mr Patten. That such a poll is necessary in the 1990s is in itself a grim

comment on past British rule. The Foreign Office tactic until now has been to handle Peking with the softest of kid gloves. Its case has been that there is no point in asking for changes to China's basic law for governing Hong Kong after 1997 if such requests will simply be refused. Antagonising Peking at this stage, the Foreign Office has contended, could even jeopardise China's commitment, to respect Hong Kong's autonomy and basic rights, when it takes over. Thus Chinese demands on matters strictly outside the joint declaration, such as the airport, have been complied with. The

British government may pass judgment on repression engaged in by other members of the Commonwealth or protest to Bangkok about undemocratic abuses there. But the penny seems to be dropping that by denying Hong Kong's Chinese the opportunity to build themselves a protective wall of democracy. Britain is doing little to prevent similar occurrences in Hong Kong after 1997.

The declaration of 1984 stated simply that the legislature of post-1997 Hong Kong "shall be constituted by election". To Britons the meaning of those words is clear. But elections in the People's Republic are a different matter. Mr Patten can stiffen the definition by meeting the modest target set by a consensus of members of the legislative and executive councils, for half the membership of the former to be elected by 1995. That Legislative Council will hold power through 1997, laying the foundation for the 50 years when the Chinese have said Hong Kong's special status will remain unchanged

and, it is hoped, beyond. There are various other ways of strengthening Hong Kong's democratic and judicial institutions. The appointed, functional seats on the Legislative Council could be broadened by expanding the range of professions and groups from which they come. Pressure must also be maintained for the

colony to have its own court of final appeal. So far the British government has taken the view that everything must be settled through discussions with the Chinese. Most of the above suggestions, if put to Peking, would not meet with a positive response. But dealing with China is a balance of short and

long term, as every Sinologist soon learns. Even over the last few months there have been signs that the reformers are again on the move in China, notably in the south. The old men of Peking, even they, are not immortal. The speed with which the Hong Kong hinterland in Shenzhen is developing suggests that economics may yet drive political change. These are variables, not constants, for Mr Patten to ponder. If the people of Hong Kong are ready to risk a gamble on democracy, the British can do no less than to give them every encouragement.

TO PRUNE THE STATE

Ministers have been eloquent over the last few years in urging the virtues of competitive tendering and private-sector disciplines throughout the public sector. They have usually ignored their own backyard in Whitehall. One of John Major's most welcome — and unexpected — moves since the general election has been to suggest that a more radical approach is being considered, that Whitehall may face the same pressure to organise competitive tenders and subcontract work out as town halls have already. William Waldegrave, in charge of the new Office of Public Service and Science, veskwami ones

The thrust of changes in central government in two decades since the Heath administration has been essentially managerial, to improve efficiency by applying best-practice techniques for running large organisations. This thread has run through a series of initiatives associated with Lord Rayner and Sir Robin Ibbs but stretching back to David Howell's work for the Heath administration. They have all been within a broadly monolithic framework in which all civil servants, whatever their job, are assumed to share the same public-sector ethos and the same accountability up a hierarchic ladder

leading to ministers and thus to Parliament. Senior civil servants have been reluctant to dismantle their own empires or disturb their multifarious closed shops, operated in collusion with civil service unions. That crucially meant that national pay bargaining and terms and conditions of service have been preserved. This has distorted labour markets

in areas of high unemployment. The much-trumpeted Next Steps initiative was a half-way house, seeking to extend semidetachment to sizable areas of work tradi-

tionally controlled and managed by Whitehall departments. Performance targets would be applied to the running of such services as social security, training and vehicle licensing. That was a step forward, particularly in identifying costs. But it has been implemented very slowly. It could never offer financial independence as long as the largest cost, pay, was centrally negotiated.

Before the election, the White Paper Competing for Quality suggested subjecting central services to market-testing and competitive tender. Mr Waldegrave has moved fast. Addressing a Sunday Times conference vesterday, he talked of applying the purchaser/producer split throughout the public sector. Not only did he propose extending competitive tendering in local authorities from blue-collar direct labour to the white-collar clerical and professional grades. He went further and suggested that a large number of central civil service jobs could be subject to competitive tender and contracted out. This would, at the very least, help to identify in-house costs. Outside consultants may win large areas of executive work.

The second condition is an end to the current system of national pay bargaining, so far resisted by the permanent secretary/civil service union cartel. Mr Waldegrave yesterday backed more local bargaining. He suggested that the recommendations of various pay-review bodies should be treated as no more than "benchmarks" for pay deals negotiated locally. This phrase may have an uncomfortably 1970s ring to it. But at least a minister appears ready to pin his political reputation to implementing ideas that have so far remained mere conference fodder. And he appears to have his boss behind him.

CANTAB DISINVENTS WHEELS

Within half a century the motor car has changed from magic carpet to big bad wolf. The private wheels that at first brought unimaginable freedom of private travel have produced a monster that is destroying civilisation, and must be curbed.

In cities it is almost quicker to walk, or in London to travel by the appalling Underground, than to drive a car through the rushhour. Yesterday Cambridge introduced an experimental ban on all vehicles in its golden central triangle of narrow streets, which cannot be widened without pulling down King's College Chapel, and other buildings that are worth more than all the internal combustion engines put together.

Bicycles, which can be almost more dangerous than cars in those old streets made for medieval pedestrians because they are silent, are included in the ban. This will spoil a picturesque feature of the town, with undergraduates no longer flying by, late for lectures on ancient boneshakers, but it will make life bearable again. Cyclists have been involved in more than two thirds of the accidents in central Cambridge in the past

So the ban had to come, as it is coming in cities around the world. The automobile is the prime example of what economists call a positional good. When it was something that only a rich elite could afford, the road was an open one, and Dornford Yates' heroes could roar down it in Lagondas. There are now 21 million cars in the United Kingdom, and the number seems to be rising steeply. Driving a car into a city centre has become a inustration to self and a menace to others. The positional good has become a communal grief. Places from Glasgow to

Kingston-upon-Thames are turning their streets into pedestrian-only precincts.

In Athens and Lagos they curb the scourge by allowing cars with odd and even numberplates into the city centres on alternate days; and the curb is evaded by people getting two cars. In Milan motorists have to demonstrate a residential or other imperative need to drive into the medieval city, though a bribe is said to ease entry. In Singapore motorists bid for a limited number of licences to drive into the city centre each month. In Tokyo a motorist has to prove he or she has a legal parking space before being allowed into the centre; illegal parkers on an urban clearway are fined the equivalent of £1,000. Bans and road pricing have arrived in many German cities, and are predicted for central London within five years.

There is going to be no room for the private motor car in the city of the future. As often, Cambridge is showing the rest of the world the route. The change needs to be made in a planned and imaginative rather than a haphazard way, before the traffic seizes up in one gigantic gridlock. Areas in London such as Soho and Covent Garden should be turned into traffic-free pedestrian precincts, with essential services allowed in only in emergency or at unsocial hours. Large, cheap parking sites need to be opened around the peripheries of cities, with fre-

quent fast public transport into the centres. If there is to be room for bicycles in this brave new urban world, cyclists like those in Cambridge are going to have to study the road discipline and good manners of bicycling nations such as the Dutch and Danes. Urban man of the next century is going to have to learn to use his legs again.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Docklands saga: past misfortunes, proposed solutions From Mr Gilbert Tennant

From Mr Lewis Herlitz

Sir, Two clear issues are buried under the Canary Wharf development, both strategic. The first is that any lack of clear and positive support from the government for rescuing the situation will encourage foreign investors to carefully but steadily reduce their investments in this country. Who will want to take longterm investment risks with a government that refuses to share that risk?

The second is that long-term development of valuable land (or industry) requires clear strategic policies and support from the government. The development of Docklands has suffered from a lack of strategic support from the government, evidenced by the fragmented development of the transport infrastructure.

This continuing lack of long-term strategy consistently erodes the ability of this country to create and sustain genuine economic growth. I no longer understand why the government does not realise that.

Sincerely LEWIS HERLITZ. 10 Cliff Road, Leigh-on-Sea, Essex.

From Mr Chris Coles

Sir, Anatole Kaletsky, in his analysis of the reasons behind the repeated collapse of commercial property markets ("Requiem for the ambitious 80s", May 29), left one question unasked: who leads the savings institutions towards longer-term investment in the nation and away from short-term property speculation?

The main clearing banks fre-quently state, "We are not in the business of venture capital". The Treasury are clearly obsessed with the international value of the pound and tight control of government expenditure. No sign of a national investment strategy here.

Michael Heseltine, as President of the Board of Trade, must surely realise that without prior investment, there is no trade. The fact is, there is no minister for investment, let alone an identifiable individual in the City. whom we could name as leader of the nation's savings institutions.

Who leads the savings institutions towards longer term investment in the nation? From where I sit, my view is of a rudderless ship. The Canary Wharf débacle can only serve to confirm this.

Yours faithfully, CHRIS COLES. 23 Clifton Road. Salisbury, Wiltshire. May 29.

Death on the road

From Mr Richard Armitage

Sir, On the same day that a jury in Maidstone acquitted Mr Stephen Owen over the shooting of the driver of a lorry which killed his son (report, May 23) a jury in Lewes acquitted the driver of a "higher performance" car which killed my brother-in-law, a cyclist, of causing death by reckless driving. He was convicted of careless driving, fined and disqualified.

The driver was 18 at the time of the accident and had passed his driving test about six weeks previously at the third attempt; and it appeared that he was not familiar with the local roads.

Police forensic-science evidence based upon skid marks on the road suggested that the car's speed within a 30 mph limit was at least 60 mph, although some witnesses said they thought the speed was slower. It is for the jury to decide whether that is reckless or careless driving, but the driver's legal right to be driving such a car was beyond dispute.

I think that it is time for this right 10 be reviewed. Many drivers are involved in accidents in their first vear after passing the driving test, as was. If, during this period, new drivers were restricted as to their maximum driving speed and the size and power of the cars they may drive I believe that many accidents could be avoided, thereby saving the lives of victims like my brother-in-law.

Yours faithfully R. A. ARMITAGE. 19 Mount Pleasant Road. Saffron Walden, Essex. May 26.

Literature prizes

From Mr Martyn Goff

Sir. I strongly applaud the setting up of the David Cohen British Literature Prize (report, May 27) and wish it every success. But your accent on its being the bigges: prize of all is misplaced. As you state, both Whitbread and NCR exceed the amount offered by Booker, but this indicates little about the fame of the three

The gain to the author winning the Booker has reached a level at which it would probably make linue difference if the sponsor reduced its size to £5. thus matching of course the Prix Goncourt. Equally, I suspect that the amount of publicity and sales accorded to the winning and shortlisted books both nationally and internationally would be unchanged. Yours faithfully.

MARTYN GOFF Administrator, the Booker Prizel, Book House, 45 East Hill, SW18.

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Sir, I note the banks' record on lending over the last 21 years to property developers, of which Canary Wharf is but the latest example. I note their record of financing businesses based on mountains of debts and their support for Third World countries that can never repay the interest, let alone the capital. I note also that they have repeated these acts over and over again, and that they supported Maxwell in the

face of his known record. What confidence can we have that they have learned anything from

Yours faithfully.
JOHN LIDSTONE, 34 Tavistock Road, Fleet, Hampshire. May 31.

From the Editor of the Hampstead & Highgate Express

Sir. What are we to do with a potential 40 million square feet of office space standing empty? With imagination and architectural skill, many of those office blocks, old and new, could be converted into much needed accommodation for the homeless, the dispossessed and those who do vital jobs such as teachers and nurses, let alone those with a penchant for penthouses.

Essential workers remain desperate because of the inability of the private rented sector to help, the nightmare complexity of the housing benefits system and the simple fact that they cannot compete in even the current depressed housing market.

The money is available in the billions unspent from the sale of council properties, before the pressure to do so becomes intolerable. Major housing associations, in particular, could put it to effective use comparatively quickly, enabling developers and the banks to enjoy some modest return on their ill-fated enterprise. And it would do economic and public good.

This government was supposedly elected to put an end to crisis management, to start managing success and, certainly as far as London is concerned, to produce a proper plan for its future in the new Europe of tomorrow. So far, evidence is hard to find.

Yours sincerely, GERALD ISAAMAN, Editor. Hampstead & Highgate Express. Marlborough House, 179-189 Finchley Road, NW3. June 1.

Delors' Europe?

From the Spokesman for the

Sir, I was surprised to read in your editorial of May 16, "Thatcher's Europe", that: "Earlier this week M Delors declared his urgent ambition to make himself federal president of all Europe, with his Commission at the centre of continent-wide political and economic decision-making."

M Delors never made such a declaration and you will be unable to find a single quotation supporting your assertion. Moreover, the Community's member governments have iust signed a new treaty in Maasnational parliaments have ratified the treaty in order to ensure that the Maastricht agreement works.

tricht and much remains to be done

after the British and 11 other

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M Delors continues to believe that now is not the time to decide for further reform of the EC's institutions. This is in line with the treaty itself which contains a review clause for 1996.

Yours sincerely BRUNO DETHOMAS. Spokesman, Commission of the European Communities. Rue de la Loi 200. Brey 06/66, B-1049 Brussels.

Metering and the poor From the Director of Child Poverty Action Group

Sir. Your leader about water metering ("Economy of water", May 26) acknowledged the fears of this group and many others that metering "might hit poor families, especially those with several children". But the solution you proposed - essentially. to weight metering charges "to protect those least able to afford higher water charges" — does not seem to be high on the agenda at

Ofwar, for example, has argued that the difficulties which substantial users of water, including large lowincome families, could face as a result of metering raise questions for government policy on benefits. This position is problematic, for several

First, since 1988 the means-tested benefits system has been weighted against larger families because of the inclusion of a "family premium" (payment per family, not per child). Since 1991, child benefit has been converted to a similar structure. Thus, in two ways the social security system has been moving in a direction counter to that needed to compensate large, low-income families for additional water charges. There is also a limit to the capacity

of the benefits system - in particular, means-tested benefits - to absorb additional "market-led" costs for claimants. Many families, for a variety of complex reasons, do not claim the benefits due to them and so would not gain access to such compensation. And the history of housing benefit in recent years is not a good precedent. Council rents were raised to "mar-

ket" levels, with the promise that the poor would be compensated via housing benefit; then, when the numbers claiming the benefit rose significantly, the government argued that it was too generous and implemented drastic cuts.

Whilst CPAG believes that the benefits system should include rebates for water charges for those on low incomes, the initial charging system itself must also be a fairer one than water metering.

Yours, FRAN BENNETT, Director. Child Poverty Action Group. 4th Floor, 1-5 Bath Street, EC1. May 28.

Psychical research

From Professor Emeritus Archie E. Roy and others

Sir. Dr Nicholas Humphrey who has been appointed to the Perrott-Warrick Research Fellowship in Parapsychology now associated with Darwin College, Cambridge, appears to be lumping together all the silliest nonsense and foolish superstitions he (and we) dislike and calling it parapsychology ("Ghost buster goes to Cambridge", Life & Times, May 18).

There are real problems relating to the nature of human beings and the universe waiting to be explained and study of the paranormal could well

nelp to shed light on them. Some of us have nad personal experiences over many years and under test conditions which we do not believe Dr Humphrey could explain. We have no doubts both of the status of psychical research as a real academic subject or of its enormous

and fundamental importance both to science and philosophy.

The open-minded study of facts of experience which do not fit the mental models (theories) of current science is the way science has always advanced and the way it will continue to advance in the future.

We had hoped that the day was long past when academics not noted for their wide experience of psychical research could feel free to dismiss it in a manner that would damage their reputation if applied to any other scientific discipline. Sadly we seem to have been mistaken.

ARCHIE E. ROY (President, the Society for Psychical Research), JOHN BELOFF. ARTHUR J. ELLISON, ALAN GAULD (Past presidents, SPR). 40 Highburgh Road,

Yours etc.

Foresters with an eye to a view

From the President of the Institute of Chartered Foresters

Sir. Your treatment of the call by the Forestry Industry Committee of Great Britain (FICGB) for a new forestry strategy (reports, May 20),

rather missed the point. Foresters have long been aware of the capacity of woodlands to deliver benefits ranging from timber production to enhancing the view. The industry is, I suggest, ahead of any other in its acceptance of environmental principles.

Foresters thought of sustained management centuries ago. The work of the Forestry Commission and the private sector in this last century has been to redress, with a variety of motives, the depredations of the last two thousand years. Few countries can claim, as can the UK, to have more than doubled their surface area devoted to forestry during the 20th century.

The form of this forest has been a response to policies and pressures which pushed towards timber production: nothing wrong with that in a country which spends £7 billion a year on timber imports and which enjoys some of the best growing conditions in Europe. Indeed the forests formed in the Forties and Fifties now produce the fibres from which pages such as yours are constructed. Every morning millions of Britons study British-grown and processed sitka spruce avidly as they

read their morning papers.

To claim that this useful tree species is widely hated is, I suggest. like saying that the British public hate barley, when most of an urban population could identify neither. They are rightly suspicious in both forest and farm of uncompromising commerce. In Britain's forests at least this no longer exists.

The range of agencies calling for more forests is endless. Some of them want community forests, leafy broadleaved woodlands managed entirely for wildlife or public recreation. Some want forests to replace arable farming. Some, realistically enough, want a development of our very successful commercial, coniferous forests. FICGB and the forestry profession accept and welcome all these requirements and the whole range of intermediates. but identify a need for a strategic plan, backed up by realistic grant or fiscal support where necessary, to achieve

Reference to a "tax loophole", and to "alien" conifers betray a prejudice which has been left far behind by the current debate on forests for the future and which contributes less than nothing to public understanding of that debate.

Yours sincerely, DAVID W. G. TAYLOR, President. Institute of Chartered Foresters, 7a St Colme Street, Edinburgh 3.

May 21.

Rejoining Unesco From Sir Yehudi Menuhin

Sir, In a letter published in your issue of May 28 a few enlightened politi-cians urged the UK to rejoin Unesco after its seven-year sojourn in the desert. It is indeed important to work from within this nobly conceived institution to restore it to its original concept, a non-political organisation composed of people distinguished in their own right, as was indeed its first president, Julian Huxley.

Unesco was thus conceived to be the counterpart and the complement to the United Nations, which is a purely political body. As a result of USA and USSR pressures, this policy was torpedoed. Every member of Unesco was a political appointment rather than a cultural nomination. This was true especially of the higher echelon.

Despite this mortal handicap. much good has been achieved and wonderful, essential projects fulfilled. I could testify to this during and after the six years I was president of the International Music Council, a nongovernmental body attached to Unesco (October 1969 to September

It is time that the director-general, Dr Federico Mayor, an excellent man, with the help of such enlightened politicians as those who signed the letter, restored Unesco to the educational, scientific and cultural communities of the world for whom it was originally intended.

Yours faithfully. YEHUDI MENUHIN, 65 Chester Square, SW1. May 28.

Cavalier treatment

From Mr Greg Masters

Sir, My employer provides a Vauxhall Cavalier that I may undertake my professional responsibilities. The Inland Revenue deducts from my salary income tax in respect of this vehicle on a scale that is determined by its purchase price, engine size and annual milage.

Can I safely assume that a similar scheme of taxation will be applied to any individual who, for their business purposes, is fortunate enough to be furnished with a 200-seat TriStar? ("Major may gain official aircraft", May 28)?

Yours faithfully, GREG MASTERS. Kurrimine, Chapel Lane, Bagshot, Surrey.



COURT CIRCULAR

tron, the East Midlands Young Manager of the Year Award, presented the 1992 Award at a luncheon at the Hilton National

Horel, East Midlands Airport.
His Royal Highness was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Leicestershire (Mr

In the afternoon The Duke of

Gloucester opened the Lings Bar House, home for the elderly. Gamston Lings Bar Road.

Nottingham.
Later His Royal Highness visited the Nottinghamshire County
Council Exhibition at the Mill.

Rufford Country Park, Ollerton, to commemorate the 350th Anniversary of the outbreak of the Civil War.

Major Nicholas Barne was in

The Duchess of Gloucester was present at the Annual Dedication

Service of the Imperial Society of Knights Bachelor at the Priory

Church of St Bartholomew-the Great, West Smithfield and sub-

sequently attended a reception at Butchers' Hall, London EC1.

June 1: The Duchess of Kent, Parron, today visited Downing College, Cambridge and was met on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Cambridgeshire

(Mr James Crowden). Mrs Colin Marsh was in

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE

June 1: Princess Alexandra, Pa-

tron of English National Opera,

RICHMOND PARK

in attendance

YORK HOUSE

ST JAMES'S PALACE

Mrs Euan McCorquodale was

Timothy Brooks).

BUCKINGHAM PALACE June 1: The Princess Royal today visited Ermysted's Grammar School, Skipton and was received by Major General H.G. Woods (Vice Lord-Lieutenant of North

Her Royal Highness, President, The Rural Housing Trust, after-wards attended the Affordable Village Housing Conference at Coniston Hall.

The Princess Royal, Patron, the Incorporated School of Tropical Medicine, this evening artended the Vice-President's Dinner at the Royal Insurance Building. Liverpool and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Merseyside (Mr Henry

Mrs Richard Carew Pole was in

KENSINGTON PALACE June 1: The Princess Margaret. Countess of Snowdon was present this evening at a Fashion Show given by Oscar de la Renta at Claridges, in aid of the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, of which Her Royal Highness is President. Mrs Jane Stevens was in

Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester, President, the Prin-cess Helena College, today opened the Sixth Form Dower House at the College, Temple Dinsley, Preston, Hertfordshire. Dame Jean Maxwell-Scott was

The Duke of Gloucester, Grand Prior, the Order of St John this morning launched the St John Nottinghamshire Water Wing Service and the naming of its first vessel, Crusader, at Colwick Park

and Sir Angus Ogilvy this evening attended the first Angual Dinner Warina, Nottingham.
His Royal Highness was re-ceived by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Nottinghamshire of the Patrons of ENO at the London Coliseum. St Martin's Lane, London W.C.2. (Sir Andrew Buchanan). Mrs Peter Afia The Duke of Gloucester. Pa-

Today is the 39th anniversary of The Queen's coronation. King Constantine of The Hellenes celebrates his birthday today.

Birthdays today

Sir Richard Bonallack, former president, Freight Bonellack, 88; Lord Boyd-Carpenter, 84; Air Marshal Sir Ivor Broom, 72; Miss Heather Couper, astrono-mer, 43; Mr Handel Davies, aeronautical engineer, 80; Mr Mark Elder, music director, Eng-lish National Opera, 45; Admiral Sir Richard Fitch, 63; Mr Marvin Hamlisch, composer, 48; the Right Rev Richard Harries, Bishop of Oxford, 56; Professor Rosalyn Higgins, QC, 55; Sir Kenneth Jupp, former high court judge, 75; Lord Kadoorie, 93; Mr Gay Kindersley, racehorse trainer, 62; Miss Sonia Lawson, artist, 58; the Hon Sir Peter Morrison, former MP, 48; Sir Denis Mountain, former chairman and managing director. Eagle Star Insurance Company, 63; Professor Robin Orr, composer, 83; Mr Leonard Parkin, broadcaster, 63: Canon Dr Anthony Phillips, headmaster, King's School, Canterbury, 56; Sir Christopher Slade, former Lord Justice of Appeal, 65; Mr Johnny Speight, writer, 72; Sir Sigmund Sternberg, chairman, ISYS, 71; Mrs Barbara Tate, president, Society of Women Artsts. 65: Lord Trimlestown, 64: Mr Charlie Watts, Rolling Stones'

Marriage

Mr N. Henley and Miss K. Clarke

The marriage took place on Saturday, May 30th, 1992, at St. Mary the Virgin, Albury, between Miss Kate Clarke, daughter of Mrs David Hammond and Mr Anthony Clarke, and Mr Nicholas Henley, son of Mr and Mrs Peter Henley.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Thomas Hardy, novelist and poet, High Bockhampton, Dorset, 1840; Jesse Boot, 1st Baron Trent, chemist and philanthropist, Not-tingham, 1850; Sir Edward Elgar, Master of the King's Musick 1924-34, Broadheath, near

DEATHS: James Douglas, 4th Earl of Morton, regent of Scot-land 1572-81, executed, Edin-burgh, 1581; Giuseppe Garibaldi, Italian patriot, Caprera, 1882: Sir Redvers Buller, VC, general, Crediton, 1908; Emile Chertier ('Alain'), philosopher, Le Vésinet, France. Victoria Sackville-West, 1951: writer, Sissinghurst Castle, Kent,

The Gordon 'No Popery' riots began in London, lasting a week, 1780. The first Trades Union Congress was held in Manchester, 1868. The coronation of Queen Elizabeth II in Westminster Abbey, 1953.

Riverside palace shows off its charm

By JOHN YOUNG

TWO restored rooms in Fulham Palace, west London, will be officially opened to the public for the first time today by the Bishop of London, Dr David Hope, as the genesis of a new museum.

Fulham is probably the least known of the capital's great riverside palaces, largely because for most of its history it was simply a private house - the summer retreat of the Bishops of London, who were also Lords of the Manor of Fulham.

A right of way was established through the grounds early in the 18th century. and in 1893 the Bishop's Meadow and the West Meadow were designated as a public park. But it was not until 1972, when the late Dr Robert Stopford decided that the palace was no longer suitable as an official residence, that its future came under debate.

A 100 year lease was granted to Fulham council and the grounds opened to the public. But no obvious use presented itself for the building itself, most of which was let to sitting tenants. There were restraints on physically adapting it for new uses, and rentals fell far below the costs of upkeep. In 1985 the merged Hammersmith and Fulham council proposed selling the palace for office use, but there was a public outcry and the plan was , dropped.

In 1987 Robin Ashley, an architect, was commissioned to produce a management plan for the care and continued use of the building and grounds. "We immediately realised we had a phenomenally important property, a set of Grade I listed buildings, the earliest dating from Saxon times, set in idyllic surroundings in the the heart of London," he said.

"It is one of the great riverside palaces of London

Reception

HM Government Sir Hector Monro, Minister for Heritage and the Environment at the Scottish Office, was host last night at a reception held at Edinburgh Castle to mark the inauguration of Scottish Natural

Luncheon **HM Government**

The Hon Douglas Hurd, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, held a luncheon yesterday at 1 Carlton Gardens in honour of Herr Klaus Kinkel, German Minister for Foreign Affairs. Meeting

Royal Over-Seas League

Sir Peter Imbert, Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police, was the guest speaker at a meeting of the Discussion Circle of the Royal Over-Seas League held yesterday at Over-Seas House, St James's. Mrs Elizabeth Cresswell presided.

Today's royal engagements

Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother will visit the Brendoncare Foundation's nursing home, Ron-ald Gibson House, Tooting, at

like Lambeth and Hampton

Court. Architecturally it

may be less distinguished,

but it had been in continu-

ous use by the bishops for

more than 800 years, and

before that the site had been

a Romano-British landing

point, a Saxon settlement

and possibly a Viking

date from the 15th century

onwards and, as well as

being listed Grade I, occupy

part of a 28-acre site desig-

nated an ancient monu-

The grounds originally included a hunting park

The present buildings

village.'

The Princess of Wales, as Patron of Birthright, will attend a luncheon at Bridgewater House, Cleveland Row, SW1, at 12.30 in Save the Baby Fund .

The Princess Royal, as Patron of the Adult Literacy and Basic Skills Unit (ALBSU), will visit the Link into Learning study centre, Redruth, at 9.30: and as Chief Commandant of the WRNS, will visit the Commando Training Centre, Royal Marines Lympstone, at 12.10. The Duke of Gloucester will visit

RAF Buchan at 10.45; will visit Peterhead power station at 2.30; and will open the Robert Adam bicentenary exhibition at the Nat-

to the public and can be days between 2pm and hired for functions; the ional Library of Scotland, Edin-burgh, at 5.30.

The Duchess of Gloucester, as Patron of the Foundation for the Study of Infant Deaths (Cot Death Research and Support, will attend a parent group meeting at 35 Beigrave Square at 11.00; as Patron of the Association for all Speech Impaired Children, will visit language units at Speithorne First and Middle schools, Ashford Common, Middlesex, at 12.45; will open Oakwood Court, Hayward's Heath, at 2.35 for the Watth Health, at 2.55 into the Sussex Housing Association for the Aged; and will visit the School of Phytotherapy, Buckstep Manor, Hailsham, at 4.20.

Drew Anderson finishing off some 18th century stained glass from the palace

and riverside meadows

which have since been de-

veloped for housing. But the

16th and 17th century gar-dens have survived: they

were home to the first tama-

risk and the first magnolia

planted in Britain, along

with other then exotic im-

ported species such as the

cork oak, the black walnut

In October 1990 a trust

was established to manage

the museum. The Great

Hall, with its splendid Eliz-

abethan timbered roof, and

the drawing room are open

and the maple.

The Duke of Kent, as Vice-Chairman of the British Overseas Trade Board, will visit Husky Computers, Coventry, at 10.10; Midlands Industrial Glass, present the North Staffordshire Chamber of Commerce Export award at the North Staffordshire Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Stafford, at 1.15.

Imperial Society of **Knights Bachelor**

council has spent more than

£1 million on renovation,

including the removal of

temporary partitions and acoustic ceilings, but deter-

mining the future use of the

The museum, largely the

palace remains a problem.

work of its curator,

Miranda Poliakoff, opens

on a modest scale with

displays of ecclesiastical

vestments and other trea-

sures, including various paintings on loan from the

The museum will be open

from Wednesdays to Sun-

Church Commissioners.

The Duchess of Gloucester read the lesson at the annual service of dedication of the Imperial Society of Knights Bachelor held yes-terday at the Priory Church of St Bartholomew-the-Great, West Smithfield. The Rev David Lawson, chaplain of the society. officiated and the Bishop of London, prelate, gave an address.

St Dunstan's College, Catford

The Governors of St Dunstan's College. Catford are pleased to announce the appointment of Mr J.D. Moore, MA, presently Head-master of Ilford County High School for Boys, to be Headmaster of St Dunstan's College in succession to Mr Brian Dance who retires on August 31, 1993, after 20 years service to the

Forthcoming marriages

Mr H.P. Cooper and Miss L.A. Johansen

and Miss L.A. Johansen
The engagement is announced
between Hugh, elder son of Mr
and Mrs Raymund Cooper, of
Roundhay, Leeds, and Lynn, only
daughter of the late Mr Norvall
Johansen and of Mrs Norvall Johansen, of Sunbury-on-Thames, Surrey.

Mr B.J. Hemingway
and Miss E.V.R.P. Cornish
The engagement is announced
between Brian, younger son of
Group Captain and Mrs J.A.
Hemingway, and Emma,
daughter of Mr John Pym
Cornish and Mrs D.A. Merritt
and stepdaughter of Mr D.A.
Merritt, of Midhurst, West
Sussex.

Mr R.J. Tollemache and Miss A.L. Phillips

The engagement is announced between Richard, younger son of Sir Lyonel and Lady Tollemache. of Buckminster Park, Grantham. and Amanda, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Gordon Phillips, of Brickhill Pastures, Maulden,

Mr A.G. Phillips and Miss J.C. Gadsden The engagement is announced

between Adrian, only son of Mr and Mrs Godfrey Phillips, of Durdham Park, Bristol, and Jane, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Gadsden, of Wotton-under-Edge, Glouces-

Mr S.A. Quick and Miss J.S. Pullia The engagement is announced between Simon Andrew, son of

Hove, Sussex, and Jennifer Sarah, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs John Pullin, of Grinshill,

Mr P.J.F. Lyall and Miss A.M. Gregory The engagement is announced between Peter James Fraser, son Laurencekirk, and Alison Margaret, daughter of Mrs Mildred Hoskins, of Barn-ingham, Suffolk, and Mr Peter Gregory, of Massachusetts. Boston.

Dinners

Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine The Princess Royal, Patron of the Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine, attended the annual vice-presidents' dinner held last night at Royal Insurance (UK). New Hall Place, Liverpool. Sir John Cuckney was the host and Mr Nicholas Baring, president. was in the chair. Among others

present were: Viscount Leverhulme, KG. Sir Arnold Burgen, Sir Gerard Mc-Clellan, Sir Ian McGregor, Sir David Orr. Sir Antony Pilkington, Sir John Reid, Sir Alfred Shepperd, Mrs Richard Carew Pole, Mr H E Cotton. Professor P N Love, Professor W W Macdonald, Mr J J Jennings. Mr D D Mason, Professor D H Molyneux, Mr M S Perry and Mr N D Toosey.

The Lord Mayor of Westminster attended the annual dinner of the Royal Academy of Arts held last night at Burlington House. Sir Roger de Grey, PRA, presided and the others speakers were Mr David Mellor, Secretary of State for National Heritage, and Mr Timothy Clifford, Director of the National Galleries of Scotland. Others present included:

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The Ambassador of the Republic of Ireland, the Ambassador of Japan, the Ambassador of Newsian Federation, Mr Ivor Abrahams, RA. Mr Norman Ackensy, RA. Professor Norman Adams, RA. Miss Kate Adle, Mr Craigle Altchison, RA. Mr Colin Artery, Dr Robert Anderson, Miss Diana Armiteid, RA. Miss Gillian Ayers, RA. Mr William Baillie, Mr David Barker, Dr Wendy Beron. Mr Charles Battlett. Mr John Belistry, Str Isalah Bertin, OM, Mr Marcus Binney, Mr Peter Blake, RA. Mr Norman Bismey, RA. Major Sir Shane Blewitt, Miss Sandra Blow, RA. Professor Sir John Boardman, Sir Richard Body, Mr, Miss Jane Bown, Mr William Bowyer, RA. Sir Nigel Broacke, the Hon Peter Brooke. CH. Mr. Professor H T Cadbay-Brown, RA. Mr Jeffery Camp, RA. Lord Carringion, KG. CH., Sir Hugh Cusson, CH. and Lady Casson. Lord Chorley, Miss Ann Christopher, RA. Mr Geoffrey Clarke, RA. Mrs Timothy Clifford, Professor Bernard Cohen, Miss Jean E Choke, RA. Professor Treor Dannatt, RA. Mr Peter Davis, Lady de Grey, Lieutenan-General Sir Peter de la Billiere. Dr Jennifer Dickson, RA. Mr Jeremy Dixon, Str Philip Dowson, RA. Mr Kenneth

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Sydney Harpley, Professor Francis Haskell, Mr Colin Hayes, R.A. Mrs Henry J
Heinz, II. Miss Jocelyn Herbert, Mr
Ronald Herron, Mr Paul Hogardt, R.A.
Mr Ken Howard, R.A. Mr John Hoyland,
Lord Hutchinson of Lullington, QC, Mr
Sidney Hunchison, Mr Nicholas Hymer.
Mr Bill Jackiln, Sir Geoffrey Jellicoe,
R.A. Dame Jennifer Jenkins, Miss Eva

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Mr John Raisman, Miss Particia Rawlings, MeP, the Rev Donald Reeves, Mr Tim Renion, Mr, Sir John Riddell, Mr Plers Rodgers, Mr Michael Rodenstein, Rosoman, RA, Mr Michael Rochenstein, Rosoman, RA, Mr Michael Rothenstein, Ra, the Right Rev Lord Runder, Mr John Stephenson, RA, Mr Siewar Steven, Mr Pieter Sutton, Mr Philip Sutton, RA, Mr Anthony Tennant, Judge Tumina, Mr Joseph Stevens, Mr Tim Stevens, Mr Pieter Sutton, Mr Philip Sutton, RA, Mr Anthony Tennant, Ludge Tumina, Mr Joseph Stevens, Mr John Ward, RA, Mr Andress Wenthey, Whith, RA, Mr Andress Weight, RA, Mr Garry Weston, Mr Anthens Withhau, RA, Mr Andress Weight, RA, Mr Garry Weston, Mr

John Ward, R. Miss Marina Warner, Baroness Warnock, Professor Carel Weight, Ra. Mr Garry Weston, Mr Anthony Whishaw, RA. Mr Andreas whittern Smith, Mr Malcolim William-son, Mr Joseph Winkelman, Mr John Wragg and Mr Alan Yentob.

Lord Walton of Detchant pre-sided at a discussion dinner held last night at the Athenaeum. Dr Michael Swash was the principal speaker.

Chatham Dining Club
The Committee of the Chatham Dining Club gave a dinner last

night at Boodle's to mark the 90th birthday (April 16) of Sir Gilbert Longden. Chester Business Club

Sir Graham Day was the guest of honour and speaker the annual dinner of the Chester Business Club held last night at the Chester Grosvenor Hotel. Mr Torn Hunt, president, was in the chair. Mr Chris Macdonald, chairman, and Mr Bob Clous retary, also spoke. The Lord Mayor of Chester and the Duke of Westminster were among others present.

European-Atlantic Group Admiral Leon A. Edney, USN, Supreme Allied Commander Atlantic was the guest of honour the European-Atlantic Group last night at St Ermin's Hotel. Sir Admiral Sir Julian Oswald, Chief of Naval Staff and First Sea Lord,

IN MEMORIAM -

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May 31st. to Jill Inée Cousin)
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Peter, an accomplice for
Philip ELLIS - On May 29th, to Helena the Biggs-Davison's and Nick, a daughter, Rebecca Louise Charlotte.

GLICK - On May 30th, at the Humana Hospital Wellington to Roxane (nee Eban) and lan. a son. Joseph Adam. GUSSIN - On Sunday May 31u, to Clare and Mark, a daughter, Emily Jane, a sister for Jesstra. HARDING - On May 29th, and James, a son, Louis William Janes, a son, Louis William

INGGS - On June 1st. to Julie (née Dumbrill) and Andrew. JOHNSTON - On May 30th, to Belinda 'Bin' (nee Hancock) and Mark, a daughter. Naomi Elizabeth

KING - On May 28th, to Sophic thee Dudley-Hill and Euan. a daughter. Madeline Heather Ann. a sister for Rory and Adam. KINGZETT - On May 27th, lo Madeleine and Christopher.

KIRSOP - On June 1st at The Maier Hospital. Sydney, Australia, to Dr. Sarah (née Thompson) and Dr. Rodney, the gift of a son, William Matthew. a first grandchlid for Keith and Margaret Thompson (England). Thompson (England).

LANGFORD - On May 29th, at University Hospital.

Queen's Medical Centre. Nottingham, to Margaret inte Marsh) and Mark a beautiful daughter, Alexandra Louise. MACDONALD MILNER - On May 30th, to Fanny Inée Hardmanl and Tommy, a son, George Charles.

MACKINTOSH - On May i 30th, to Caroline and Ben, a son, Albert Jan. MIEDZIANOWSKI-SINCLAIR - On May 17th sincl.Air - On May 17th 1992, at Devizes Maternity, to Nicolas and Lesley, a daughter. Katherine Lyndhurst, a sister for Lucy and Victoria.

MOXOM - On May 23rd 1992 at The Portland Hospital, to Peter and Allson inde Bartrami a son, Harry Adam PEARSON - On May 25th, to Nicky thee Marke) and Nicholas, a son. Edward Archie, a brother for Louisa. Alexander and Charlie. PEJACSEVICH - On May 30th to Georgina and Peler.

PETERS - On May 14th, in Salisbury, to Fiona under Ross Russelli and Torn, a daughter. Rosemary Catherine, a sister for James. Elizabeth and Jack. SMITH - On May 26th, to Annetic and Stephen, a son, William. SULKIN - On May 29th, at the

SULLIVAN - On May 27th. at Queen Mary's. Roehampion. lo Mark and Jan mee Bolti. a daughter. Sarah May. daughter. Sarah May.
TREVALDWYN - On May
29th. to Sue and Julian. a
son. Jack Creeswell.
WILLIAMS - On May 30th. to
Lucinda and Peter. a
daughter. Sophic Elizabeth
Rose.

MARRIAGES VERNONSJEMAL - The marriage took place on May 16th at Wesley's Chapel between Mr Peier Sean Vernon and Miss Betinda Suzan Jemal and afterwards on board 'The Elizabethan'. DEATHS

ANDREWS - On May 29th 1992. at home, Alan Thomas, aged 85 years, of Highcliffe-on-Sea. Dorset. Service at Bournemouth Crematorium on Friday June 5th at 2.15 pm. Family flowers only but donations if desired for the Imperial Cancer Research Fand c/o Moodys F/D. 405 Lymington Road. Highcliffe. Dorset.

Road. Highcliffe. Dorset.

BI.ADES - On May 30th. al
The Sussex Privale Clinic.
after a short tilness bravely
borne. David. beloved
husband of Connie, father of
Susan and Geoffrey and
grandfather of Diane.
Nicholas. Peter and Richard.
Funeral Service at St John
the Baptisi Church.
Sedlescombe. East Sussex.
on Tuesday June 9th at 2.45
pm followed by cremation.

BI.AJE - On May 29th 1992 BLAIR - On May 29th 1992. peacefully in a rest home. Doreen. aged 92 years. All enquiries to Reynolds Funeral Service, 31 High Street. Bognor Regis. West Sussex. tel: (0243) 864745.

Sussex. Iel: (0243) 864745.

BOWEN - On Salurday May 30th, peacefully at Parkside House. Penarth. Margarel Bowen. aged 92 years, wife of the late James Bowen. much loved by her family and many irlends. Funeral Service at Thornhill Crematorium Chapel. Cardiff. on Friday June 5th at 11.30 am. Family flowers only but donations if desired to Cancer Research Campaign c/o James Summers & Son. Roath Court Funeral Home. Newport Road, Cardiff.

BRAMWELL - On Sumday

Newport Road, Cardiff.

BRAMWELL - On Sunday
May 31st. Amanda Jane (née
Sheridan) oped 32.
peacefully after a long and
courageous fight against
liness. Mandy, wife of Nigel,
daughler of Yvonne and
Roger Sheridan and sister of
Richard will be remembered
for her personality, kindness
and courage, She will be
sadly missed by her family
and couniless friends.

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BROMAGE - On Friday May 29th 1992. peacefully at home. Commander John Henry Bromage D.S.O., D.S.C., R.N. aged 76. Beloved husband of Barbara and the lale Avé. Devoted faither of Christopher, Penelope, Patricia and Orlana and much loved grandfather. Funeral at St Michael's Church. Spreyion, at 2.30 pm on Thursday June 4th. No flowers but donallons if desired to the MacMullan Nurses Appeal.

CITROEN - On May 29th.

CITROEN - On May 29th 1992. Peacefully at the Middlesex Hospital. Lioner Chroen. dearly beloved husband. father. papa and friend. Funeral Service at Randalls Park Crematorium. Leatherhead. Surrey. on Wednesday June 3rd at 12 noon.

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CLARK - On May 30th, aged 48 years, after a long tilness. Ian Robert, Barrister at Law. Beloved son of Ernest John and Peart Clark, Much loved husband of Kale, father of Harriet and Richard, Funeral on Friday June 5th, Service at Si Mary's Church, Wimbledon, at 3 pm followed by cremation at Putney Vale Crematorium. Family flowers only. Donations if desired for Trinity Hospice Day Centre, to be collected at the Church.

CRESWELL - On May 31st, peacefully. Chryslal Mary Oth la, Funeral at Callistock Church, Dorsel, Friday June 8th at 3 pm.

Sth at 3 pm.

DiTFIELD - On May 24th, Miles Boyer, son of Gillian and brother to Miranda. We are grieving deeply with his wife Penny Boyer and small children Jesska and Thomas at this sudden and terrible loss. A golden man taken in the prime of life. He will be forever with us. Funeral June 5th. details from H.C., Grimstead Ltd. 104941 726130.

PERSONAL APPEARS IN WEEKEND TIMES SECTION - PAGE 13

BROCK - On May 29th.
suddenly at home. Margaret
Dorothy. MBE. dearly loved
wife of Bevis and mother of
Cruristopher and Elizabeth.
Funeral Service at 8;
Thomas Church. Satisbury,
at 3 pm Monday June 8th.
No flowers pleese, but
donations if desired to
SENSE 311 Grays Inn Road.
London WC1X 8PT.

BROMMAGE - On Eviday May. Funeral at North East Surrey
Crematorium. Lower
Morden Lane. Morden.
Surrey. on Saturday June
6th at 2.30 pm. Family
flowers only. but donations
to Cancer Treatment and
Research Trust. Cancer
Research Campaign
Laboratories. Charing Cross
Hospital. Fulham Palace
Road. London W6 8RF.

their family.

HARRIS - On May 29th,
Samuel (Gus) Harris, aged
85, of Four Marks, late of
The Royal Dragoons.
Formerly of Rockcliffe Road.
Bath. Funeral Thursday
June 4th, 5 pm. Aidershot
Crematorium.
Family
Rowers only. Donations to
Portsmouth Friends of
A.R.M.S. c/o Kemp &
Sievens. 91 High Street.
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HOLROYD-SMITH - On May
30th 1992. In hospital after a
courageous fight. Brigader
M.J. 'Mike: Holroyd-Smith
O.B.E.. late Royal Regiment
of Artilliery and Defence
Attache Riyadh. Aged 53.
befoved husbamd of Sally.
adored father of Philip and
Clare and brother of Peter.
Funeral Service at St James
Churth. Birdham. near
Chichester. on Friday June
5th at 12 noon. Family
flowers only piease. but
donations if desired to
imperial Cancer Research
Fund. 61 Lincoin's Inn Fields
London. WC2A 3PX.
HOWARD - On May 3151

HOWARD - On May 31st 1992, too soon aged 84, Alan, most loved and loving husband and father to Angela. Lucy Joe Sam and Sasha, dear son and brother, true friend. All who knew him are blessed. him are biessed.

MATHER - On May 31st
1992. Eric James (Bob) at
Chariton-all-Saints aged 85.
Much loved by Stella,
Nichole and Anthony and his
grandchildren. Private
cremation. Thanksgiving
Service to be held at St
Andrew's Church, Nunton,
nr. Salisbury at 3.15 pm on
July 19t.

MacQUEEN - On May 30th at The Sue Ryder Home. Leckhampion. Lan Alexis Cordon. O.B.E. M.A., M.D., husband of Susan and father

MacQUEEN - On May 30th at The Sue Ryder Home, Leckhampton, Ian Alexis Cordon, O.B.E., M.A., M.D., D.P.H., F.F.C.M., of Painswick, Gios. Loving husband of Pat and brother of Lillan. Greatly loved, M.O.H. Aberdeen 1952-1974 and Community Health Physician, Grampian Health Board 1974-1975. Service at St. Mary's Church, Painswick, on Friday June 6th at 2 pm. cremation thereafter private. No flowers by request, donations, if wished, for The Sue Ryder Home, Leckhampion, or Shelter c/o Philip Ford & Son Uneral Directors! Lid., Dirieton House, Stroud, Glos.

McCONNELL - On May 30th 1992. peacefully. Healher Lenore. widow of 'Mac'. darling sister of Willow and sister in law of Mervyn, adored aunt of Cella and Lucinda. Beloved of so many friends. Family flowers only. Donations to The Royal Marsden Hospital. Fumeral at 12 noon on Friday June 5th at St Luke's Church. Chelsea SW3. Cremation private. Memorial Service to be announced later.

McINTOSH - On June 1st
1992, peacefully at Chester
Nursing Home. Elizabeth
(Bettyl Brodle, aged 90.
much loved sister of Isobet
Fisher and auni of Jean,
Martin and Alan, and longtime secretary to the late Sir
Richard Summers and friend
of his familty. Funeral
Service on Thursday June
4th at 2.15 pm at St Mary
without
Handbridge, Chester, foltowed by private cremation.
Family flowers only.

MOWSCHENSON - On May 31st 1992, at the Cromwell Hospital, London, Hanny, Beloved wife of Henry, adored mother of Peter and Terence

PETTITT - On May 29th. PETITT - On May 29th.
Robin Garth. tragically in a
road eccident. Funeral
Service in Easibourne
Crematorium, Friday June
5th at 3.30 pm. Family
Rowers only. Donations, if
destred, to UNICEF to
Thomas Rich Ltd. Funeral
Directors. 46 South Road.
Hallsham, East Sussex.

husband of Susan and father of Jeremy and Nicola. Funeral Service at Trinity Church. Porthcawl. on Wednesday June 3rd at 11am, followed by Interment at Porthcawl Cemelery. Family flowers only. donallons if desired may be sent to The Cancer Research Fund (Donabons). 2 Carlion House Terrace. London SW1Y 5AR.

SAVILL - On May 26th, at Elenora. NSW. Australia. suddenly. Throthy 1Tim; Raymond Harry. aged 63 years. Dearly los ed husband of Ann. Ialher of Jo. Libby. Camilla and Kathle and elder son of Belly Savill. Memorial Service to be held at Christ Church. Victoria Road. Kensington. SW7. 2 pm at Monday June 29th

Monday June 29th

SENDALL - On May 29th
1992, peacefully in The
Royal Marsden Hospital.
London, Christine mée
Farrar's sped 30 years, wife
of Anlony and mother of
Emity and Charlotte. She
will be deeply missed by us
all, Funeral Service al The
Chillerus Crematorium,
Amersham, on Friday June
8th 1992 at 4.30 pm. No
flowers piease. Donalloms to
The Royal Marsden
Hospital's Save The Humans
Appeal.

SETON-WILLIAMS - On Friday May 29th 1992, with dignity surrounded by love and affection. Dr. M.v. Seton-Williams B.A. Ph.D. F.S.A., Honorary Research Feliow of the Department of Egyptology of University College London She will be greatly missed by all who loved and admired her A Memorial Service will be held in England at a later date. All enquiries please to H.W. Malitard & Son Ltd. Funeral Directors, tel: 105341 37291.

MEMORIAL SERVICES RICHARDS - Bill A Service of Thanksgiving for the life and work of Bill Richards, partner of Freshfields, will be held at Si Bride's Church. Fleet Street. London EC1 on Monday June 18th at 1 pm. Tickets are not required but

SLATER - On Friday May 29th 1992, peacefully at his daughter's home at Milliand. John Robert (Bob). aged 80. Dearly loved husband of Kathleen (Kay) and loving father of John and Hilary and father-in-law of Doctor David Jenkins. Funeral Service at 10.20 am on Thursday June 4th at All Saints Church. Denmead, followed by cremation at 11.15 am. Donations to the MacMillian Service. Midhurst, West Sussex. GU29 OVI. or flowers if preferred to J. Edwards & Son. 13 Hambledon Road. Waterlooville.

TOOTH - On May 31st, Eve Maud, beloved wife of the late Dudley Tooth and mother of Pauline. Funeral strictly private. No letters or flowers please

TYER - On May 29th 1992, at home, Roger Edward Austin, most dearly foved husband of Rosemarye. Funeral Service Rotherfield Church on Friday June 5th at 11 am. Family flowers only Enquiries to Paul Bysouth Funeral Services. Crowborough, tel. 10892) 656000.

VINER - On Tuesday May 26th. Brigadler George Arthur Viner O.B E. Dearly loved husband of Parm and father of Audrey and Charles Funeral Service at St. Mary's. Stoughton. on Thursday June 4th at 2 Stopm, followed by private Cremation Family flowers only Donations if devired to The Friends of St. Mary's. Stoughton. Enquiries to W. Wraight and Son. Emsworth. 10243; 372255 ZARTALOUDIS - On Monday

MEMORIAL SERVICES

DARBY - Professor S Clifford Darby Ki, CBI Little, FBA, Honorary Fello-and former Fellow of King and former Fellow of Kine's College, Henorary Fellow of St Catharine's College, Emeritus Professor of Geography in the University of Cambridge, There will be a Memorial Service in the Chapel of King's College, Cambridge, at 2.30 pm on Saturday July 11th 1992. MEMORIAL SERVICES

HENDERSON - A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Dr. John Henderson CBE will be held in St Paul's Church. Willon Place. Knightsrkige. on Thursday June 25th at 12 o'clock. LEGAL NOTICES

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WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 18 NUNCUPATIVE

(b) Oral, not written, particularly of wills, from the Latin nuncupare to name or declare: "It is not sufficient that it be put into writing after his death, being first declared by words only; for then it is but a nuncupative will." CHIROGNOMY

(b) The slieged, but bogus, art or science of estimating character by inspection of the hand, from the Greek cheir hand + gnome knowing: "A Manual of Chirosophy, being a complete practical handbook of Chirognomy and Chiromancy." ARCTOID (b) Resembling a bear, belonging to the division Arctoidea of the Carnivora, from the Greek arktos a

bear: "The polecat has nothing to do with any cat. it is Arctold, not Feline."

APOPHASIS (c) The childish rhetorical device introduced by the lie, "Not to mention", when you are about to mention it at length, from the Greek word for a deaisl: "Apophasis is a kind of Irony, whereby we deny that we say or doe that which we especially say or doe." COURTENANT BLACKMORI

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UBITUARIES

Dr Vilem Bernard, a leading

Czechoslovak social democratic

politician, died in hospital near

north east Bohemia, on May 5,

1912.

VILEM Bernard's life encapsulated

the upheavals and torments of East-

for democratic freedom realised.

tained a doctorate in law in 1938.

man of the Union of Social Demo-

cratic Students. When Hitler

Poland and was active on a commit-

visa but he remained in Cracow

army until he reached the Soviet

store-keeper in a fuel depot on a

state farm in the Stalingrad region

then as a book-keeper in the state

joined the Czechoslovak army that

was recruited from Czechoslovaks in

exile in the Soviet Union and

From there he was posted to the

Czechoslovak embassy in Moscow

which represented the Czechoslovak

government-in-exile based in

London. There he came to know

Zdenek Fierlinger, the ambassador,

and served on the editorial board of

worked in its legal administration.

Czechoslovakia come to Britain.

DR VILEM BERNARD



Czechoslovak Listy, where he had dealings with Klement Gottwald and Rudolf Slansky and other leading Czechoslovaks in exile in

In 1945 he returned to Czechoslovakia with the newly-formed government and attended the meeting in

the Slovak city of Kosice where the political programme of the government was proclaimed. He became the head of the private office of the new prime minister, Zdenek Fierlinger. But his experiences in the Soviet Union had reinforced his

conviction that it was social democ-

racy and not Soviet communism that offered the way forward for his country and it was as a social democrat that he was elected a member of parliament in September 1945.

He distanced himself from the pro-communist Fierlinger and strove unceasingly within the Social Democratic Party to maintain its independence, warning, especially in the pages of Cil (Aim), a political monthly which he founded and edited, against the risks of collaboration with the communists. He took a prominent part in the campaign within the Social Democratic Party that culminated in the replacement of the pro-communist party leader and prime minister Fierlinger, and in the parliamentary elections in 1947 warned his constituents that if they voted for the communists it might be their last free vote. In February 1948 his worst fears were realised when the communists, stimulated by Stalin, seized power in a

Aware that he risked imprisonment, if not death, for his opposi-tion, he fled the country with his wife in a risky journey across the border at night. After a few months in Austria, he came to Britain, where Denis Healey, then international secretary of the Labour party, arranged for him to be given asylum. In exile he worked first as a freelance journalist and then between 1956 and 1974 as a member of the monitoring service of the BBC at Caversham Park, Reading. But he remained politically active. He was in charge of the international relations of the Czechoslovak Social Democratic Party in exile and in 1973 became its chairman.

In 1949 Bernard created the Socialist Union of Central-Eastern Europe, which embraced the exiled social democratic parties of Czecho-

slovakia, Poland, Hungary, Yugoslavia, Romania and Bulgaria, and also of the Baltic states of Lithuania. Latvia and Estonia annexed by the Soviet Union, and of the Ukraine. He served as the socialist union's general secretary and it was largely owing to his pressure that the union was admitted as an affiliated member of the Socialist International. Bernard spoke out on behalf of social democrats imprisoned in the countries under communist rule and to demand free elections there. In repeated campaigns he kept the flame of social democracy in Czechoslovakia and in the communist bloc alive. He edited Labour's Call, a monthly duplicated bulletin of information about the communist countries written for the attention of western social democratic parties. He published in 1957 Kde basnikum se porouci (Where poets write to order), a study both of the servile literature produced in the early years of communist rule and of the plight of writers who refused to support the new regime in Czechoslovakia and had to express their

ideas opaquely or in code. As a freelance journalist he wrote commentaries on British politics. especially on the Labour party, for Radio Free Europe and for French radio services broadcasting to Czechoslovakia.

Although he paid a brief visit to Prague and to his home town in May 1990, illness made it impossible for Vilem Bernard to take any active part in the newly reconstituted social democratic party after the "Velvet Revolution" of November 1989. But he rejoiced to see the collapse of communism and the restoration of democracy in his homeland. He is survived by his wife

MAJOR LLOYD HALL-THOMPSON

Major Robert Lloyd Hall-Thompson, ERD, TD, Northern Ireland politician, has died aged 72. He was born on April 9, 1920.

LLOYD Hall-Thompson died in a setting such as he would have wished, the showgrounds of the Royal Ulster Agricultural Society surrounded by horses. In equestrian and racing circles he was a well-known figure and had successfully bred both half-breds and thoroughbreds.

His wife Alison shared his enthusiasm and until recent years hunted regularly with the North Down Harriers. Her death just two months before his own, hit him hard for they were an inseparable couple, she the more extrovert, flamboyant character, he unruffled, placid, recalled by a close acquaintance as "a very gentle gentleman". Although both his parents

had been keen riders and hunt members, Lloyd - after a youth in the saddle - never rode again after the war in which he served as a gunner. His son Colin, now a Church of Ireland rector, who himself, like his sister Anthea, has ridden in many a point-topoint, is at a loss to account for this sudden hiatus in a long-standing family tradition.

But from another such tradition there was no deroga-tion. Grandson of a Westminster MP for North Belfast and son of an education minister in the Stormont parliament, Hall-Thompson was returned for his father's old Stormont seat in 1969 after several attempts by the then prime minister. Terence O'Neill, to get him to stand.

By 1969 the troubles were already stoking the political furnace and the Unionist Party, monolithic for more than sixty years, was splitting into hard-liners and "moderates". Lloyd was very moderate, liberal, pacific and opposed to bigotry on both sides. His adoption for the Clifton seat was bitterly opposed by rightwing traditionalists led by the retiring member William Morgan.

There were lock-outs for

constituency meetings, "heavies" were introduced by both factions, delegates were black-listed or invalidated until the shenanigans were terminated by a court injunction and Hall-Thompson emerged as the candidate. It is ironic that Billy Morgan, the former member who had been minister of health, was a close associate of Brian Faulkner in his several attempts to oust O'Neill from the leadership. Hall-Thompson had come into politics on the liberal O'Neill ticket, yet five years on joined Brian Faulkner in the breakaway Unionist Party of Northern

Ireland, (UPNI), established



by Faulkner in 1974 when the Unionist electorate rejected him after the Sunningdale Agreement. Lloyd had adhered throughout to his "moderate" position, includ-ing power-sharing. When the UPNI withered away his innate and very British conservatism found its ideal outlet in his active support during the recent general election for the newly organised North-ern Ireland Tory party.

Lloyd was chief whip of the Faulkner Unionists when the tough and devious ruthlessness associated with that job was not required. He made no enemies, was never seen to lose his temper or even raise his voice - nor was he a natural political animal. In no sense an orator, he never swayed opinion. Provided a proposal did not too grossly offend, his inclination was to fall in with it.

He was the man who could not say 'no' to any good cause. From the "Newsboys Club" to the "Not Forgotten Association" and numerous hospital committees, the deputy governor of Down Royal Racecourse backed a multifarious range of charitable activities matched by few, if any, in Ulster.

Family property and a parttime motor factor business conducted from his home left him financially unfettered to pursue the good and pro-foundly public-spirited life. He liked his food and his whiskey and, without malice, the broad, fleshy face beamed over some titbit of political gossip tossed across his generous table. For he was above all a home-bird, happiest holidaying within his native Post B Cloughey for golf, or Donegal.

Once, lured abroad for a cruise down the Rhine, while fellow passengers gasped and enthused over the legendary castles and vine-covered haunts of the Lorelei, Lloyd was discovered, below decks, happily immersed in a copy of the Belfast Newsletter.

He is survived by his son and daughter.

1953

COURTENAY BLACKMORE

Courtenay Blackmore, the man behind one of the most controversial masterpieces of late 20th century

architecture, the new Lloyd's building in London, has died aged 69. He was born on October 16, 1922. THE role of the client in architectural development is

not always appreciated by those unfamiliar with a world in which design is the art of the possible. As Lloyd's administration chief, Courtenay Blackmore, fulfilling the role of "client", helped to extend what was bossi ciation with Sir Richard Rogers in bringing into being the new Lloyd's building in London. Originality of this kind needs backing and Blackmore provided it, thus earning his place in architetural history.

Courtenay Thomas Gardner Blackmore was educated at Oakham and Keble College, Oxford, where he became president of the Union. Although he had suffered from polio as a child, through sheer persistence he was enrolled in the forces and served with the RNVR in the Pacific.

Joining ICI after the war he had his first involvement with a construction project on a petro-chemical plant at Wilion. Joining Lloyd's as head of administration in 1971, he was responsible for moving administrative staff to an elegant modern building by Arup Associates on the Medway next to the historic dockyard at Chatham.

For Sir Richard Rogers and his partners, architects for the new Lloyd's building, as for Arups, Blackmore was the "client" who dealt with them on a daily basis, backed up by a monthly steering group under the chairman of

Lloyd's, Sir Peter Green. The Lloyd's building pioneered a new form of architectural competition. Six architects, three British (Arup Associates, Foster Associates and Rogers) and, to reflect

Lloyd's international interests, three foreign (I. M. Pei and a French and a Canadian firm) were asked, not for initial designs, but to demonstrate their mastery of the brief. Blackmore supervised the Lloyd's building from first designs to the final details. though fitting out was given, unfortunately many feel, to a French decorator by the new chairman of Lloyd's.

Moscow

In its initial years the new building, visually a cross be-tween a battleship and an oil refinery, was not popular with many of the underwriters. who at one point nearly voted building. But, like Sir Nor-man Foster's Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank, it is widely recognised as one of the most original buildings of the 1980s, seen to brilliant advantage in colourful night time floodlighting. Recently the strength of the building's construction was unexpectedly put to the test. When its near neighbours, the Baltic Exchange and Commercial Union building, were devastated by a bomb blast Lloyd's suffered just two broken win-

After retiring from Lloyd's in 1984. Blackmore established Project Client Consultants to help clients obtain the best from building projects. He was elected an honorary fellow of the Royal Institute of British Architects and became an active chairman of its awards trust. His final words on architecture came in a recent speech, which he was too ill to deliver himself, on the occasion of the award of the RIBA trustees' medal to Sir Leslie Martin for his new building for the Gulbenkian Foundation in Lisbon. Blackmore's experiences were set out in his book the Clients Tale (1990).

He married in 1957 Lady Pamela, widow of Clive Wigram and eldest daughter of the first (and last) Earl of Kilmuir, the Lord Chancellor. They had a son and two

MAJ-GEN RICHARD KEITH-JONES

Major-General Richard Keith-Jones, CB, MBE, MC, a former commandant of the Joint Warfare Establishment (JWE), died on May 26 aged 78. He was born on December 6, 1913.

WHEN Field Marshal Montgomery was admitted to hospital for an operation in the early 1950s, he ordered his military assistant Dick Keith-Jones to telephone him at a certain hour that night. On hearing that the great man was only just coming round from the anaesthetic, Keith-Jones deployed his initiative and let his master sleep on undisturbed. His reward, however, for being caring and considerate was a ring on his own phone five minutes afterwards and a rocket from the field marshal for being late.

They were unnerving days for a young lieutenant-colonel on Monty's staff at Nato's military headquarters in Paris. Montgomery, deputy supreme allied commander, was surrounded by a small cluster of rising stars, some of whom were later to follow him to the top. Moreover, the alliance was struggling with the exigencies of the Cold War. while preparing for the full entry of West Germany. But Keith-Jones was as persevering as he was kind. By 1955, after his two testing years at Monty's side, the two men had developed a mutual liking and

Keith-Jones had apparently done well enough for him to be then given the command of the 4th Regiment Royal Horse Artillery (RHA) based at Hohne in BAOR. He was also no less fortunate than Monty in being blessed with a talented collection of gunner officers, including a number of clever young national servicemen. In consequence the regiment enjoyed two golden years, during which it excelled in military competitions. Keith-Jones was later to describe this time as among the happiest in his



whole career. Next he joined the Joint Services Staff College at Latimer, Buckinghamshire, as chief army instructor, before being promoted brigadier and made deputy commander of 17 Gurkha Division in Malava. He served in the headquarters of Far East Land Forces, then as adviser in the British High Commission in Canada before being given command, as a major-general, of 50 Division (TA) in north east England.

His most significant job, however, was his last one. By now experienced in interallied and inter-service cooperation, he was made commandant in 1966 of the Joint Warfare Establishment, then at Old Sarum, Wilts. He was only the second in the establishment's short history, since it was opened by Lord Louis Mountbatten, chief of the defence staff,

to provide courses on joint operations for Nato officers. The JWE later moved to I stimer where it was closed down - then hastily reopened (in Poole) after the Falklands War, which had graphically demonstrated the need for it. But by that time Dick Keith-Jones had long moved He was born in India, the son of a brigadier turned civil engineer, and educated at Clifton College where he captained the school at rugby and at cricket. He failed his entrance to the Royal

Military Academy Woolwich (which used to be known throughout the army as "the shop") but was given a place as the commandant's nominee — a system designed for the less academically gifted who, none the less, looked promising officer material. Keith-Jones went on to justify its faith in him by winning the academy's sword of honour. He served in a succession of regimen-

tal posts before the war. Good looking and immaculately groomed, he was at one stage the so-called "kick step" instructor, in charge of drill and turn-out, at the Royal Artillery officer cadet training unit, Catterick. During the war he won the Military

Cross in Italy while serving in the 1st Airborne Division. But he was then sent to the director of military operations' staff in the War Office. Between 1947 and 1949 he was second-in-command of the 1st RHA in Palestine. But in 1953 he was in Italy again, at Nato land forces headquarters in Verona - from where he was picked for his high flier's job with Monty.

After leaving the army in 1969, Dick Keith-Jones joined the Mardon Packaging Group, part of the Imperial Tobacco empire, as personnel manager. He retired in 1975, only to display his resilience and courage for the last time in a long and difficult battle against cancer.

He is survived by his wife Margaret and their three daughters.

Reginald Mayes

REGINALD Mayes, who has died aged 91, was chief artist at the London Midland and Scottish Railway in the early 1930s. His work for the LMS was unconventional and in the forefront of the style of the times. His posters for the unified British railway system decorated stations all over Britain and encouraged millions of commuters for the duration of the war.

His humorous "There isn't even Half an Engine for Unnecessary Travelling" and the | Beatrice, long line of eccentric travellers in his "Have Your Tickets Ready Please" for the London Underground are now classics in the history of rail-

road art. He was also known as an illustrator of educational materials for children and during the 1950s he founded West One Studios in London. Until the end of his life he

could be found in some rural spot, setting up his easel wherever he could to capture the scenes of beauty and simplicity which he loved.

Lady Graham

BEATRICE, Lady Graham, OBE, who has died aged 83 after a motor accident in Spain was the widow of Sir Richard Graham, 10th Bt. first chairman of Yorkshire

From 1935 to 1939 she was lady in waiting to Lady Tweedsmuir, while Lord Tweedsmuir (John Buchan) was Governor General of Canada. Later, she was much involved in help for the mentally handicapped. In 1964 she founded a chain of "nearly new" charity shops, the first of which was in Harrogate. This shop alone raised E600,000 over the next 28 years for "MIND", of whose national council she was a member. She was appointed OBE in 1983.

For 11 years, she was a member of the council of the University of York; and she played an active part in the running of Botton Village, a community caring for the mentally handicapped near

The people were of many degrees and conditions, these thousands who foreran the millions, and they had been There were mothers, their talking of other Coronations.

As the crowds jostled along the processional way, as the

flown from the Commonwealth and Empire.

Just before the Queen enters

Westminster Abbey, in Par-liament Square, she will pass a set-piece of floral homage from Australia, Bermuda, British Columbia. Ceylon, Hong Kong, Jamaica, Malaya, Malta, Northern Rhodesia, Pakistan, South Africa, Tasma-

As night drew its cloak over London the human tide flowing

into the city continued un-abated. From buses, coaches, and underground stations the people streamed to join the thousands who had sought and secured vantage points all along the route during the earlier part of the evening. The prospect of a showery, if not thoroughly wet, night did not daunt them, and cheerful crowds that had settled down for an all-night wait refused to move even for a heavy downpour of rain. Vehicular traffic was at a standstill, and a solid block of hurrying people, 10 or 12 deep, streamed from Trafalgar streamed from Trafalgar Square up the centre of the carriageway towards Buckingham Palace, seeking a place to squeeze in. Trafalgar Square was tightly packed. Family parties were packed on and around Nelson's column, and Landseer's lions each proudly bore six young people.

There was no lack of entertainment: accordions, banjos, and trumpers were all in use. Buskers and hawkers, hoarse with the unaccustomed lengths to which they could go, still plied their trades. Conversation naturally turned on the weather. The great crowds had been soaked and were now nicely drying out. Would they be drenched again? A faint pink tinge in the evening sky was proclaimed a good omen. Friendliness and laughter were everywhere and difficulties shared. As darkness fell thousands still thronged in front of the Palace, waiting and hoping for a glimpse of the Royal family. It was, perhaps, a vain hope last night, but today will be another story for the waiting

Dartmouth Naval College

The following is a list of successful candidates selected for Officer Entry to Britannia Royal Naval College Dartmouth

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Miss F Percival (Mid): S A Coaker (Mid): S M Joli (Sub Li): K L I Samuel (Sub Li).

N 3 Artingstall (Sub Li): A R Dishan (Sub Li): N W Froude (Sub Li): M 5 Robinson (Sub Li): S Jones (Mid), S A M Suberland (Mid). Air traffic control Miss R E Cartwright (Sub Lt).

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Appointments

Chief Superintendent Susan Davies, of Dorset police, to be assistant commandant at the Police Staff College. Bramshill.

Mr David Walker to be British High Commissioner to Ghana in succession to Mr A.M. Goodenough, who has taken up a further diplomatic service appointment.

Major General David Henry Deering Selwood to be a circuit judge on the southeastern circuit.

Latest wills

Sir Roger Fray Greenwood Ormrod, of London W8, a Lord Justice of Appeal 1974-82, left estate valued at £503,473 net. Elizabeth Mary Gibbins, of Bosham, West Sussex, former head of St Mary's School, Caine, Wiltshire, left estate valued at E241.502 net. She left 1/24th of the sale proceeds of her home each to Holy Trinity Church. Bosham, the RNLI and Royal British Legion: £1,000 to St Mary's School old girls fund, Calne, and a number of books to

the school's library. Mr Harry Leder, of London NW1), left estate valued at £1,070.821 net. After some personal bequests he left the residue equally between the Jewish Weifare Board, Norwood Homes for Jewish Children, the Jewish Blind Society, British Friends of Israel War Disabled and the Imperial Cancer Research Fund.

Recent wills include (net. before tax paid). Mr Peter Arthur Bartlett, of Chipperfield, Herts 5623,409

Mrs Barbara Jean Board, of Mrs Alicia Ellen Chessman, of Mr Francis George Cooke, cf St bridge, Middlesex £630,594 Mr Walter Harry Gwyn, of Kingston upon Thames, Surrey £1,006,021

Mr Stanley Kitt of Lytham. Lanes _______ £1, i83,715 Mr Frederick William Phillips, of Sutton. Surrey _____ £675.917 Marguerite Frederika Sternberg. of London NWS..... £1,772,135 Mrs Sybil Nancy Summerfield. of Gosforth, Tyne and Wear £793.566

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Mrs Anne Middleton Willder, of

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COLONEL: P C Davidson - To be Comdi DEF ADP TRG Centre, 1.6.92.

The wide pavements of the Mall, a much favoured vantage point, were solid with speciators by the evening

ON THIS DAY

nia and Trinidad.

Thousands camp out on Coronation route

before the Coronation

procession

Into a London transformed for pageant and carnival there streamed throughout the hours of light and darkness yesterday some of the great concourse that will be gathered to acclaim the Queen. A few had already gathered on Sunday evening. They mixed with the working millions and sight-seeing thousands and choked the pavements of the processional way. They overflowed onto the roads and stopped the traffic. They spread their blankets on the kerbs, set up their chairs, and looked down the long vista of their waiting hours undismayed.

drawn from all parts of Britain, the Commonwealth, and the world outside the British family. backs propped against trees with young children sprawled across their laps asleep. There were older men and women who whiled away the minutes There were abundant young people, contemporaries of the Queen, who conscientiously studied law and economics, made pencil sketches, or took down shorthand dictation one for the other until such time as it seemed good to sleep.

traffic stood halted and impatient to move, as the sky now threatened and then smiled, the last polish was put upon the beaming face of London. More flags were hoisted. Banks of flowers fresh from the nursery went into a thousand window boxes, and among them blooms

thousands.

Major and Heseltine split over **Docklands**

A CABINET split has opened up over government action to rescue the failed £1.7 billion Canary Wharf office complex in London's Docklands. Michael Heseltine, the

president of the Board of Trade, and Lord Wakeham, the Leader of the Lords, are believed to be lobbying strongly in favour of plans to make the site more attractive to potential buyers. However, the prime minis-

ter, backed by Michael Howard, the environment secretary, John MacGregor, the transport secretary, and Treasury ministers are taking a more cautious approach.

The divisions appear to

mirror long-standing tensions in the Conservative party between non-interventionists and those who believe that government should form a close partnership with the private sector. Ironically, Margaret Thatcher is understood to be expressing strong support for government

One of Mr Heseltine's closest confidants said last night that the former environment secretary had long fought for the transfer of some 2,000 of his former officials to Canary Wharf, but had been frustrated by "Treasury bloody-mindedness".

Treasury ministers had insisted on relocation talks with three other potential land-lords and a detailed survey of the environment department's crumbling Marsham Street headquarters. They had also demanded that Olympia & York, the owners of Canary Wharf until administrators were called in last week, meet the full £400 million cost of their promised contribution to the planned £1.6 billion extension of the Jubilee underground line.



Heseltine: keen to move civil servants

David Weeks, the leader of Westminister city council, warned yesterday: "If you take 4,000 civil servants out of Victoria, the best part of a million square feet of office space will become vacant. That would increase the total vacant space in Victoria by about a third at the moment

A spokesman for The First Division Association, which represents senior civil servants, said any such move should be made only after scrutiny of the costs and consultation with staff.

Labour last night opposed a lifeboat operation. Frank Dobson, its energy spokes-man said: "Canary Wharf has already cost the taxpayer over £350 million in hidden

subsidies."

Mr Howard, whose staff
were earmarked by Mr Heseltine for a move, is believed to have told colleagues that there will be no government rescue package and that no decision had been taken about staff relocation. He is said to be determined that the cabinet must not be seen to be baling out Canary Wharf.

Mr MacGregor, whose civservants will also have to find new headquarters after the demolition of Marsham Street in Victoria, is adamant that any new owner of Canary Wharf will have to honour O&Y's Jubilee line promise of E400 million.

The evidence of a cabinet rift came as Lord Wakeham chaired a meeting of ministers to review relocation talks, which could affect up to 5,000 civil servants. As disclosed in The Times yesterday, ministers agreed to try to reach an agreement in principle with Ernst & Young, the lead administrator, by the end of the month, if not sooner, but the environment department, advised by the Property Services Agency, Whitehall's surveyors, would go through all the proper

It is understood that in the short term, ministers are examining the possibility of moving about 2,000 environment department civil servants and in the longer-term. over several years, increasing this figure to 5,000 from other departments.

One minister detected a "qualified push" behind the longer-term solution.

Jobs to go, page 17



Hands across the water: two men helping each other cross a flooded street to their car in Sarcelles, north of Paris, yesterday after torrential rain hit the area overnight. Some northern suburbs were flooded, stranding motorists on France's busiest motorway and blacking out the Champs Elysées. Electricity in the elegant dis-trict that houses the Elysée Palace and the American, British and Japanese embassies was cut for four hours early yesterday. Thousands of

motorists, returning from weekend trips, were trapped overnight and some slept at the wheel north of the capital was flooded. The motorway, which carries heavy commuter traffic and leads to the Charles de Gaulle airport, remained closed during the morning rush-hour. Several other main roads were flooded, causing traffic jams up to nine miles long. The severe weather also hit rail services. Firemen said that water

the normal language of diplo-

macy and negotiation."

China, which sells oil to

Yugoslavia, said yesterday that it would abide by the

sanctions, despite having ab-

stained in the security council

vote. "China will carry out the

relevant decisions," the For-

In Belgrade the govern-ment said it would introduce

energy-saving measures

which are expected to include

petrol rationing and a reduc-

Serb-besieged Sarajevo

came under renewed artillery

fire yesterday afternoon after

Ottawa: Yugoslavia's am-

bassador to Canada, Goram

Kapetanovic, resigned in pro-

test against the bloodshed

caused by the Serbian army

WEATHER misty start with fog patches for

a time. The afternoon will be brighter with further showers, heavy

and thundery in places. Fog is still likely on eastern coasts in the far north. Showers over southwest England and Northern Ireland will become lighter and scattered, but more general cloud and rain will spread from the west later. Outlook: sunny spells and showers;

in Bosnia-Herzegovina.

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eign Ministry said.

was up to three feet deep in some northern suburbs, and dozens of families were evacuated from flooded houses. Storms also hit southwestern France. Hailstones the size of ping-pong balls ruined maize crops near Dax and damaged the Entre Deux Mers vineyards near Bordeaux. Only ten days ago, the government announced emergency water rationing measures because of a drought that has parched the countryside for the fourth successive year. (Reuter)

Belgrade's ambassador ordered to leave Britain

By David Watts and Kerry Gill

BRITAIN has ordered out the Yugoslav ambassador as part of the United Nations sanctions against Serbia and Montenegro.

The sanctions provided for reducing Yugoslavia's repre-sentation internationally and the foreign office elected to remove the most senior en-voy. A spokesman said: "We thought it was better to remove one at the top rather than two or three at the bottom." Svetozar Rikanovic, a Bosnian Serb, was asked to leave until his country complies with UN sanctions. "He's been doing a particularly difficult job quite well, but basically there's no job for him," the spokesman said.

Mr Rikanovic's secretary said that the meeting at the Foreign Office had been "very amicable. All of us in the embassy are very sorry. He got 15 days [to leave] which is rather a long time in such a situation."

The British ambassador in Belgrade, Peter Hall, was in America when the decision was taken and will not return

to his post. Britain hopes that responsibility for the violence. "In the present system we could not possibly provide Yugoslavia will not retaliate. John Major yesterday ruled out the possibility of the West using military force to quell the Yugoslav fighting. "We cannot in the West provide the will for peece par do. peacekeeping forces, nor could we simply go on with

the will for peace, nor do I believe that outside military forces could impose this," the prime minister said. 'None of the lessons the rest of us have so painfully learned through the rest of

this century seem to have been learned except by the innocent people whose lives are being destroyed." The Bank of England ordered British banks to freeze

all Serbian and Montenegrin assets as part of the sanctions. The order came into effect at midnight last night and has frozen an estimated \$400 million in gold, securities and deposits. In Germany, Juergen Moellemann, the economics minister, said he plans to introduce a similar order today, while France is studying a freeze.

Mr Major said Serbian Belgrade defiant, page 8 leaders had to take the main Assets frozen, page 17

feeling much fresher and less humid.

Warning sounded on high hopes for Rio nomic interests before the

world's environmental future because the US had watered down the summit's central global warming treaty.

The White House remains

unconvinced by the evidence of global warming. Mr Bush would not allow "the extremes of the environmental movement to shut down the US on science that may not be as perfected as we in the US could have it", he said at the weekend. The questioning position

adopted by Britain and America was supported yesterday by a statement from 226 leading scientists from 26 countries, grouped under the title The Heidelberg Appeal. They gave a warning against "the emergence of an irrational ideology which is opposed to scientific and industrial progress and impedes economic and social

"We contend that a natural state, sometimes idealised by movements with a tendency to look to the past, does not exist and has probably never existed since man's first ap-

Most parts will have a dull and

The group demanded that the necessary stocktaking, monitoring and preservation of the universe's resources must not be based "upon

irrational preconceptions". British opposition spokesmen accused the government of a "negative" approach to the United Nations conference on Environment and Development (UNCED) as ministers confirmed strong British reservations about the bio-diversity treaty.

Michael Howard, the environment secretary, says that Britain is still considering its position. Downing Street is promising "hard-nosed realism" from the British delegation at the summit, which would be approached in a positive frame of mind".

Mr Major is due to discuss the Rio difficulties with Helmut Kohl, the German chancellor, on Friday and with President Bush and US officials in Washington over the weekend before he travels to Brazil.

> Realist role, page 10 Green guilt, page 12

Taylor's purge on drunken drivers

Continued from page i fence, with pressure groups formed to press for higher sentences. The maximum is five years but in practice offenders often serve only a year or so. In the recent case be-fore the Court of Appeal, angry relatives of the dead teenage couple, Lisa Morrell and Daryl Coppin, both 17, stormed the dock when the driver, Jason Ewing, was senrenced to three years. Rejecting the appeal two weeks ago by the Attorney General fo the sentence to be increased, Lord Taylor said the sentence was not "unduly lenient" in view of the offender's age "and the fact that it was his first time in prison.

Welcoming the move to open up the system on life sentences. Vivien Stern, director of the National Association for the Care and Resettlement of Offenders which has campaigned for the change for years, said: "If this is to be done, it is as great step forward. The treatment of lifers is one of the greatest injustices of the system." In his interview Lord Tay-

lor announced a third significant move which highlights a marked difference in attitude from the previous Lord Chief Justice. He said he wanted judges to take part in discussions with other services such as police and probation

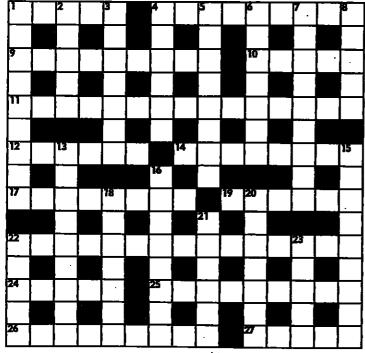
— in the criminal justice system. He also announced that judges will play a key role in the new machinery which has been set up: instead of being just a member of the new Criminal Justice Consultative Council, the judicial member, Lord Justice Farquharson. will be taking over the chair from Sir Clive Whitmore. Home Office permanent secretary. A judge chairman was originally envisaged when Lord Justice Woolf proposed the council in his report on Strangeways prison riots but Lord Lane would not agree to

At the same time. Lord Taylor yesterday effectively announced a lifting of the veto imposed by Lord Lane on judges taking part in the area criminal justice committees, and again judges will be chairing the committees. They will be appointed after consultation with the presiding judge on the circuit.

The proposals for reform are the first concrete signs of how the new Lord Chief Justice intends to usher in an era of openness and to create a more "user friendly" judiciary.

> Evidence offer, page 2 Law Times, page 25

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ACROSS

- I Unfinished country piece (5). Constitutional measurer? (9).
- 9 Brake might stiffen! (9). 10 Current blood-factor in east (5). 11 Cook ill-used nice, good apple
- 12 He could go high, creating records held by icarus once (6). 14 Third man was taken to hospital with a kind of distemper (8).
- 17 Emily apt to run riot in the recess 19 Elected for Korea once (6).
 22 Old man. southern chap. wandering about after the depression (15).
- 24 Frog potentially? Heigh-ho! (5). 25 Grass in which girl embraces boy

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26 Party sure to change address (9). 27 Being famous, made records (5).

Supporting cattle-food, Common Agricultural Policy is in top gear

2 Gazelle that got caught in a tree Chests or chest cases, we hear (7).

4 Staff in earnings farce (6). Like well-thought-out plans for flower material? (4-4).

6 What a marvellous thing — motorway clear for a change! (7). 7 Glasses of cola first ordered (9). 8 Dances and whirls about (5).

13 Medical effects of soldiers' batdes? (9). 15 Cartwheel stopped in mid-turn?

16 He helps to keep those who have gone home (8). 18 It had two necks and was plucked (7).

20 Untouchable horse has a run on 21 The old suffer from cold and feel very hungry (6).

22 Clumsily caressed Dad, married 23 Bed factory (5).

> Concise Crossword, page 13 Life & Times section

WORD WATCHING

A daily safari through the language jungle. Which definitions are correct? By Philip Howard

NUNCUPATIVE c. c. Acting as a go-between CHIROGNOMY a. a. Preferring the worse b. b. Palmistry c. c. A band of dwarfs ARCTOID A. a. Of the Arctic
b. b. Ursine, beaclike
c. c. A bone of the upper vertebrae APOPHASIS

a. a. God forbidding

b. Turning away from

c. c. Refusal to mention

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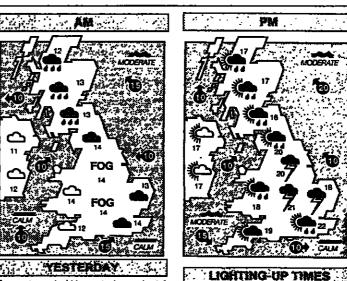
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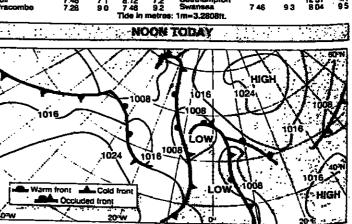
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BUSINESS TIMES

BUSINESS EDITOR JOHN BELL

Bank of England freezes \$400m of Yugoslav assets

BY NEIL BENNETT BANKING CORRESPONDENT

THE Bank of England has ordered British banks to freeze all Serbian and Montenegrin assets as part of the sweeping sanc-tions against the remaining members of the Yugoslav federation.

The order came into effect at midnight last night, freezing an estimated \$400 million in gold, securities and deposits. Throughout the day, banks worked to identify all their Yugoslav assets and take action against them. The Bank of England has set up an emergency department to handle enquiries about the freeze. The order complies with the sanctions against

urity Council on Saturday.

The order excludes individual assets, allowing people to use their bank accounts normally. The Bank of England is believed to have warned banks last week about the impending order, to give them time to prepare their books. The decision to introduce the freeze at midnight prevented any fund transfers being caught half-

completed. The worst-hit institution was the Anglo-Yugoslav Bank in the City, the only Yugoslavian-owned bank in Britain, which was founded in 1980 to foster trade relations between the two countries. Michael Cowdery, the deputy managing director,

said that more than £10 million of the bank's assets had been frozen, including deposits from the National Bank of

Mr Cowdery said the bank had worked through the weekend to identify affected assets. The assets of Beogradska Banka, Anglo-Yugoslav Bank's majority shareholder, have been frozen, although Anglo-Yugoslav can still do business with some of its smaller shareholders, including Privredna and Zagrebacka Banka in

Mr Cowdery said his bank had been prepared for the order and had worked closely with supervisors from the Bank of England, "If we had been caught with our trousers down it would not have been very professional. It is business as usual but we cannot do business with Serbia and Montenegro," he said.

The Anglo-Yugoslav bank held a brief-ing on the freeze for executives from the City representative offices of Ljubljanska Banka, Vojvodjanska Banka and Jugo-

banka yesterday morning.
British banks said they had frozen all inter-bank assets and were examining contingent liabilities to Yugoslav companies to ensure the freeze was enforced fully.

One banker said the sums involved were only tens of thousands of pounds, as trade with Yugoslavia has declined since the war broke out. Figures from the trade and

exported goods, mainly telecommunications and electrical equipment, worth £260 million to Yugoslavia last year while imports were worth £189 million.

The British action is being followed by similar moves throughout the world. In Germany, Jürgen Möllemann, the economics minister, said he plans to introduce a similar order today, while France is studying a freeze. A spokesman for the French finance ministry said it was having difficulty separating public and private assets but insisted the government would comply with the UN's sanctions.

Ambassador to leave, page 1

First jobs

to go

at Canary

Wharf

BY ANGELA MACKAY

ERNST & Young, appointed

administrator to Canary Wharf last week, is expected

today to announce the first

redundancies among the

Olympia & York, Canary Wharf's parent, employs about 400 people and up to one third of these are expect-

ed to lose their jobs today.

Last week, Stephen Adamson

and Nigel Hamilton, two of

the administrators, spoke to

staff at Canary Wharf and

told them they would be kept

informed of events but no

guarantees of employment

were given.

Canary Wharf's bankers.

owed almost £600 million, have agreed to provide £10

million to keep the project

ticking over but this money

will expire in ten days unless costs are cut drastically.

set to meet Cabinet members

to discuss tax incentives and

any other measures that

could be granted to help save the project. So far, the gov-

ernment has appeared reluc-tant to provide more cash.

However, there is a growing possibility that at least 2,000

civil servants will be relocated to Canary Wharf by the end

The administrators are also

project's staff.

Falling house prices trap 2m borrowers

By SARA MCCONNELL

AT LEAST 278,000 firsttime buyers have mortgages larger than the current values of their properties, according to official figures from the Council of Mortgage Lenders.

A report to be published next week by UBS Phillips & Drew, the securities house, says that if second-time buyers, those remortgaging and those in arrears are included in the calculation, almost 2 million people have liabilities that exceed their assets.

Falling house prices in the past three years, particularly in southeast England, mean many borrowers who bought at the top of the market, and who took out loans for most

AN unprecedented number

of corporate collapses have

saved Britain's big six ac-

countancy firms from a poor

year. Static audit and accoun-

tancy fees and a dip in de-

mand for consultancy services took the shine off the

Arthur Andersen, the

smallest of the big six, record-

ed the biggest rise in fee

income from its British oper-

ations for the second year

running. Touche Ross saw

the largest rise in income

from corporate recovery

Income figures for the firms cover financial years

varying from end-March to

end-April. They are released

at the same time to make

However, some of the firms

are privately accusing their

competitors of restating their

figures in order to spread

gains between different

Touche Ross, receivers to

the Bank of Credit and Com-

merce International, saw fee income from insolvency work

comparisons easier.

Company failures

save accountants

or all of the value of the properties, now have mortgages that exceed the current values.

John Wriglesworth, author of the UBS Phillips & Drew report, The Debt Trap, says first- and second-time buyers with "negative equity" in their properties number more than I million. The figures, compiled by

the Council of Mortgage Lenders, concentrate on firsttime buyers. Bob Pannell, the council's under-secretary, said that although 600,000 first-time buyers — out of a total of 1.8 million who bought between 1988 and 1991 - had seen falls in the values of their homes, "for many of these buyers the fall in price has been small and

leap 40 per cent to £41.4 million on the figures avail-

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ed BCCI, Polly Peck and

Cork Gully, the insolvency arm of Coopers & Lybrand,

dealt with more receiverships

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of Windsor Safari Park, and

Astra Holdings, the defence

group.

KPMG's corporate recovery practice saw fee income

rise 38 per cent to £50.6

million. Assignments includ-

ed the collapse of Air Europe.

At Price Waterhouse, admin-

istrators to Maxwell Commu-

nication Corporation, the

corporate recovery and insol-

vency arm made £38.6 mil-

Corporate recovery work at Ernst & Young rose 17.5 per cent to £34.3 million. Arthur

Andersen's fee income from

corporate recovery was £18

lion (£27.6 million).

Brent Walker.

this is reflected in the much lower estimate, 278,000, of those now facing a negative equity simuation". The council represents the providers of 95 per cent of mortgages.

Homeowners in southeast

England have been hit hardest because this is where house prices have fallen furthest. The council calculates that 103,000 homeowners in the region, excluding London, have negative equity in their properties. The average fall in value is £2,843. The figures are based on prices in the first quarter of

Mr Wriglesworth, however, described the council's figures as a "gross underestimate", because they did not take into account second-time buyers, those remortgaging or those in arrears. He said: "Around one third of total lending is further advances." He also argued that the impact of transaction costs on the market should be included. Borrowers typically spend about £3,000 on fees when moving and many use equity in their existing properties to cover the costs.

UBS Phillips & Drew used the Halifax house price index for its calculations. This is derived from data based on the Halifax's 14 per cent share of the housing market. Mr Wriglesworth said it was more broadly based than the per cent sample survey of building society mortgage completions used by the

House prices rose 0.6 per cent in May, according to Nationwide Building Society's monthly house price index. This is the second time in succession that the index has recorded a month-on-month rise. The society said it was "too early to speculate that this is a sign of a general sustainable improvement". The average UK house price is now £55.924, £359 more than last month's average. House prices in May were 5.1 per cent lower than a year previously.



Big Apple given the hard sell

By Rodney Hobson

RECESSION-HIT New York, where falling property values are causing Ölympia & York as much anguish as Canary Wharf, is turning its problems to its own advantage. David Dinkins, the mayor, and a team of 15 top company executives from the in the Big Apple." city are in London with the message: if you think rents have dropped here, they are still twice what you would pay

in New York. Mr Dinkins is also visiting four cities in France and Germany, with a speed that puts American tourists to shame. The aim is to promote New York as an international business centre that will give European firms without an American presence the chance to establish them-

selves across the Atlantic. Mr Dinkins said: "New York is the richest marketplace on this planet with a combined personal income of \$300 billion and a retail buying power of \$70 billion. New York is a key centre of international trade, communica-Lenders pressed, page 7 tions, finance and tourism."

Business letters, page 21 As mayor of a city with As mayor of a city with

more than 7 million residents ed. Mr Dinkins scomed the and a budget of \$30 billion, Mr Dinkins is reckoned to have the second most challenging job in America. He said: "In many industries, a leading company can hardly afford not to have a presence computer networks".

His financial services powerhouse provides the highest level of municipal services of any city in America, he add-

doom-mongers who paint the city as "a world capital in decline, a financial services dinosaur that is being eclipsed by remote suburbs filled with fax machines and

Nor is he averse to a dig at other American cities. Crime went down 4 2 per cent last year compared with a sharp rise elsewhere in the country.

Tenants and their representatives will start meetings with administrators tomorrow. They want to settle various issues, including whether the administrators will pay to maintain the development at its current high standard and whether Ernst & Young will honour incentives promised by O&Y

of the year.

to encourage companies to lease space. Letters, page 13 Cabinet split, page 16

Lagerfeld fashions £16m deal

KARL Lagerfeld, the German-born fashion king who turned the House of Chanel on its head, has sold up to Alfred Dunhill. The Diet Coke sipping darling of the catwalk is selling his Paris-based women's fashion house and the Lagerfeld brandname to Dunhill Holdings in a deal worth up to £16

The deal will add Lagerfeld to Dunhill's range of luxury brands, which includes Mont Blanc pens and Chloe fashions. It will give Dunhill the Lagerfeld shop in Boulevard St Honore in Paris along with a string of international boutiques and franchises.
"Kaiser Karl", as he is

sometimes known, will become the designer for Chloc. the French fragrance and fashion house, which he transformed before its acquisition by Dunhill in 1985.

Lord Douro, chairman of Dunhill Holdings, said the deal marked a determined push by the company into the world of female fashion. He said: "This acquisition is evidence of our strategic objec-tive to have a significant



Catwalk coup: Karl Lagerfeld will design for Chloe investment in the female lux- and luxury goods at bouury fashion market tiques and duty free outlets a

worldwide." Lord Douro. who announced the deal in Paris yesterday, said Mr Lagerfeld was a man "of enormous means". Shoppers spend about £240 million on Lagerfeld clothing, perfume year, more than twice the

amount spent through the Chice chain. "We have Chloe: this is a second name in the market." said Lord Doure, who adds that Mr Lagerfeld will continue designing for Chanel in addition to working for Dunhill on the Chloe and Lagerfeld collections. Dunhill will not say how much it is paying for the Lagerield name. All it will say

is that the deal amounts to less than 10 per cent of the group's net cash balances of £160.3 million at the last count. The Lagerfeld deal will make Dunhill and its associates more cosmopolitan than ever. Dunhill is 57 per cent owned by Rothmans International, the tobacco group, which in turn has a 46.5 per cent stake in Cartier, the jeweller. Rothmans is 63 per cent owned by Richemont, the Swiss registered investment vehicle for the South African Rupert family. Mr Lagerfeld will cut a dashing figure among the gold cigarette lighters and

pipe-smokers' accessories in Dunhill's St James's showroom. Typically clad in black and sunglasses, he is credited with taking the House of Chanel and flinging it into the mainstream of world fashion. His "reinvention" of the Chanel suit prompted a flurry of gilt-buttoned cardigan style suits in the British high street in the 1980s.

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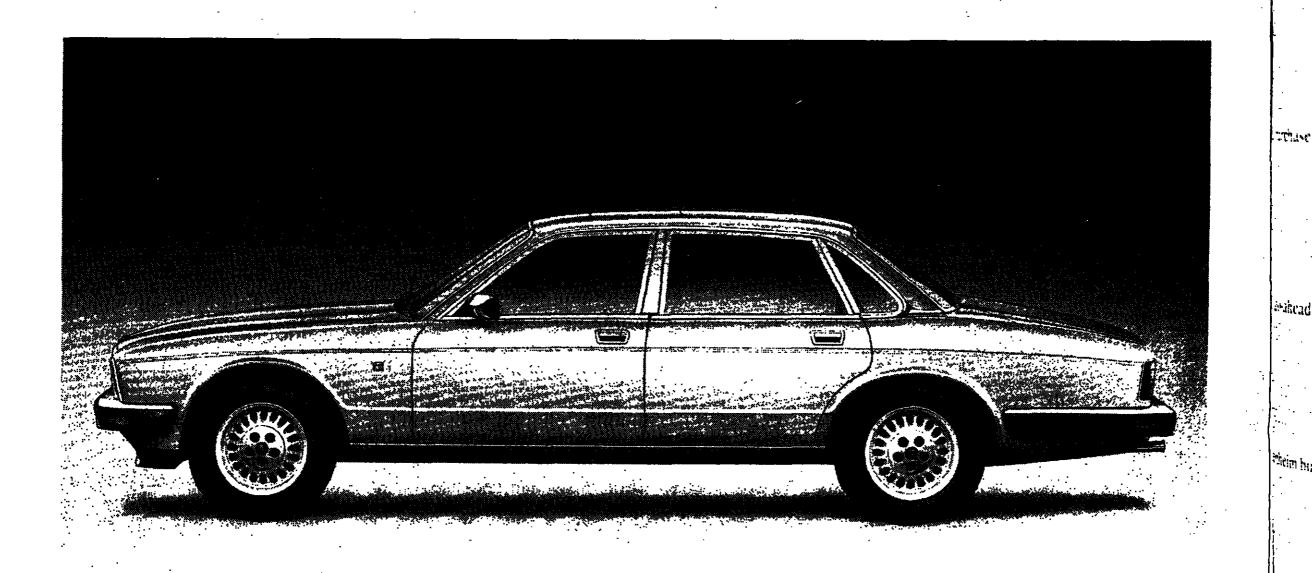
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THE European Community's annual inflation rate was 4.8 per cent in April, the same as in the previous month, but down from 5 per cent in April, 1991, the EC statistics agency Eurostat said. The EC rate compared with 3.2 per cent for America and 2.3 per cent for Japan in April.

Eurostat said consumer prices across the 12-nation

European Community rose by 0.5 per cent in April, largely

due to price rises in Portugal of 1.6 per cent and of 1.5 per

offset by low to moderate rises in the consumer price indices

MTM extends credit

The sharp increase in these three member states were

EC inflation rate

steady at 4.8%

cent in both Greece and Britain.

of all the other countries," Eurostat said.

Rolls forms power alliance

By Ross Tieman, industrial correspondent

ROLLS-ROYCE has formed a strategic alliance with Westinghouse of America to challenge for leadership of the fast growing worldwide market for gas-burning power stations. The deal will form the basis of a long-term alliance between four leading power engineering groups under which they will share technology and markets.

The partners will work with Mitsubishi Heavy Industries of Japan and FiatAvio of Italy to offer a complete range of power generation plants, fuelled by natural gas, aviation fuel. coal and oil.

Frank Bakos, vice-president of the Westinghouse power generation business, called it the wave of the future in delivering reliable, low-cost products to the world market". Under a technology transfer deal, Rolls-Royce aeroengines

BSG wins **Boeing** contract

BSG International, an automotive and consumer prod-ucts and vehicle distribution company, has won a \$90 million contract to supply 670 lavatory modules for Boeing 737 aircraft over the next four

The contract secures the jobs of the 800 employees at BSG's plant in Camberley, Surrey. Two or three modules per aircraft will be supplied, depending on the design of the individual machine.

Profit doubles

Reduced operating costs helped Midlands Radio to achieve a 97.1 per cent jump in pre-tax profits to £605,000 in the six months to March 31. Turnover at the independent broadcasting group rose 7.6 per cent to £5.31 million. The interim dividend is maintained at 1.5p.

Airport offer

An international offer of shares in the privatisation of Vienna airport closed early because of high demand. The offer will raise 1.8 billion schillings (E87 million) to finance the airport's expansion. About three fifths of the shares are being placed in Austria, the

JLI purchase

JLI, a food distribution and processing group, formerly known as Jack L Israel, is acquiring Cadec, a Birming-ham-based edible nut processor, for £1.4 million. Cadec made operating profits of £300,000 on sales of £8 million in the year to March 31 JLI's shares firmed lp to

EC go-ahead

The European Commission has cleared the way for Asea Brown Boveri, the Swiss-Swedish engineering group, to double its stake in Brel, a UK railway equipment supplier to 80 per cent. ABB wants to acquire the 40 per cent held by Trafalgar House, the construction group.

Blenheim buys

Blenheim Group, the trade fairs and exhibitions company, has acquired two franchise magazines from CGB Publishing for £420,000. They are Business Franchise Magazine and The Franchise Handbook.

will form the basis for a range of combined cycle gas turbine (CCGT) plants, using both gas turbine and steam technology.

The agreement poses a serious threat to General Electric of America, which, in alliance with GEC Alsthom, the An-glo-French electrical engineering group, has been emerging as the dominant player in CCGT manufacture. ABB, the Swedish-Swiss group that partners Rolls in the UK market for CCGTs, has also been suffering from the GE/GEC Alsthom alliance.

In a joint statement, Rolls and Westinghouse said they had concluded a 15-year agreement covering development of combustion turbine technology and marketing of gas turbine and combined

cycle plants.

Rolls will provide Westinghouse and its existing partners. Mitsubishi and FatAvio. with turbine expertise acquired in the design of aeroengines. Technology for steam turbines, combustion turbines and combined cycle plants will be transferred in

turn to Rolls-Royce.
The accord should strengthen substantially long-term prospects for Rolls-Royce industrial power group com-panies, which employ 20,000 worldwide. The group is based on the former NEI power engineering business, merged with Rolls' industrial and mar-ine engines, and its nuclear power station expertise.

Terry Harrison, managing director of the industrial power group, said a version of the Rolls Trent engine, one of the biggest aeroengines in the world, was central to the ambitions of the new partner-ship. He said: "The introduc-tion of the 50-megawatt industrial Trent will, in due course, be a significant breakthrough at this power level."

Westinghouse employs 110,000 workers worldwide. Its power engineering arm is a world leader, with 280,000 megawatts installed.

Rolls pioneered the use of gas turbines, originally designed for use in aviation, to power ships, pump oil and gas, and provide electrical

Its installed base of gas turbines exceeds 20,000 megawatts.

can conglomerate, claims it was duped out of almost £200

million worth of gold last year when it sold land in Nevada to

Placer Dome, a Canadian

mining company that owned

adjoining property.

Hanson is suing Placer for

fraud, breach of contract and

racketeering, alleging that it



Food for thought: Peter Matthews, chief executive, reports tough competition and depressed spending

Consumer caution dents Cullens profit

CULLENS Holdings, which operates a chain of neighbourhood food stores, made pre-tax profits of £608,000 (£825,000) in the year to March 1. The company's operating profit rose but earnings from the sale of franchises fell from £731,000 to £484,000.

A higher tax charge helped to clip net earnings from 2.8p to 1.5p a share. Peter Matthews, chief executive, said trading conditions had been difficult, with depressed consumer spending, greater emphasis by other retailers on pricing, Sunday trading and extended opening hours. Retail activities contributed

E509,000 (£365,000) to gross profits of £977,000 (£1.02 million). Net rentals received from £653,000 to

£468,000. The one dividend payment for the year is maintained at 0.5p. Because potential franchi-sees are likely to face contin-

ued difficulty in raising funds, the level of franchise profits this year is unpredictable. Of Cullens' 27 neighbour-hood food stores, 14 operate

under the company's franchising plan. Several openings are

planned in the next few months.

A prototype patisserie/cafe was opened in Holland Park, west London, last September. and more are planned, Mr Matthews said. Another new concept was a chicken and ribs restaurant recently opened in Chiswick, also west London. The group said it had

US manufacturing sets best monthly rise in four years

By COLIN NARBROUGH, ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

AMERICAN manufacturing last month showed its fastest monthly rise in nearly four years, according to the index of the National Association of Purchasing Management.
The index, registering its

fourth consecutive monthly gain, jumped to 56.3 per cent in May from 51.3 in April. Readings of more than 50 per cent indicate an expanding economy. The stronger than expected data provided fresh encour-

agement that the American recovery is becoming more established again after the patchy progress indicated in other data.

BY PHILIP ROBINSON

HANSON, the Anglo-Ameri- failed to disclose a drilling

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£188 million.

The association's employment index in May showed 49.1 per cent, its best reading for more than three years,

report showing a gold seam

extending from its own land to

The value of the land deal

was never disclosed, but the

purchase price is understood

to have been far below the

value of the gold on Hanson's

side of the fence, estimated at

although it still did not indicate a rise in employment. In April, the jobs index was 43.9 per cent. Prices rose in May for the first time in 17 months. to 56.2 per cent, from 49.6 per

Mark Cliffe, chief economist at Nomura Research Institute, said that the strength of the association's figures was to be seen across the board, with the improved jobs index likely to prompt Wall Street economists to revise upwards their jobs forecasts for this month. The association's index has shown considerable volatility in the past, but the May figures appeared to be consistent with a modest recovery in America, he said. The association estimates that. during the first five months,

DEREK Barron, former chairman of Ford of Britain,

suffered a drop in salary of

more than £55,600 in his final

year as the company slumped

to its worst financial losses.

The annual report and ac-

counts shows that Mr Barron paid heavily for the poor

performance, with his salary

cut from £214.086 in 1990 to

real domestic growth was 2.8 per cent on an annual basis. The Federal Reserve Board is now less likely to want lower interest rates.

☐ Market reports that the Bank of Japan engaged in heavy dollar selling for the fourth trading day in a row yesterday reinforced currency dealers' view that Tokyo is preparing the ground for an interest rate cut to boost the

Japanese economy.

The pursuit of a stronger yen has been linked by govern-ment officials to a desire to cut Japan's huge and politically sensitive trade surplus with America by making American imports cheaper and Japanese exports dearer. The currency, at Y126.65, is at its lowest since mid-February.

£158,454 last year. As he

suffered a near-26 per cent

cut, 29,000 manual workers

were enjoying one of their best-ever pay rises worth an

average increase of 13.4 per

cent during last year.
Ford failed to predict and

react to the slump with losses

jumping to more than Ell

million a week in the UK.

By Kevin Eason, motoring correspondent

sells audio division By PHILIP PANGALOS

Celestion

CELESTION Industries, a clothing, swimwear and audio group, is disposing of Celestion Audio, its loud-speaker division, to Kinergetics for £3.1 million.

Audio was responsible for much of the group's taxable loss of £1.06 million in 1991. Its operating profits tumbled to £76,000 (£1.2 million) in the year to December 31, on sales of £13.6 million (£15.6 million). The division was, and still is, loss-making after

Kinergetics, an investment company controlled by GP Venture Capital, assumes Audio's net borrowings of about £1.6 million. The disposal will bring in £4.7 million and help to reduce Celestion's gearing, which was 42 per cent in December, to about 20 per cent.

Charles Ryder, Celestion's chief executive, said the group would concentrate on its clothing business. Celestion shares

THE new management at MTM, the specialist chemicals group, has reached agreement with bankers for an extension of current facilities until January 4. Ken Schofield, the chief executive, sees reduction of debts as a key priority, and the management is reviewing activities to bring about a refinancing and ensure long-term financial survival. Banking facilities had been on a month-to-month basis. MTM shares edged ahead 1p to 48p.

CSR slashes dividend

CSR, the Australian conglomerate, is cutting its final from 16 cents to 10 cents making 20 cents (32 cents), after a year in which all its markets were hit by recession. The group's building and construction activity fell 10 per cent in Australia and 12 per cent in America. CSR's operating profit in the year ended March, before abnormal items, fell from A\$671.3 million (£280 million) to A\$423.2 million. Net profit declined 46 per cent to A\$175.3 million.

Borthwicks rises

IMPROVED margins and the elimination of the lossmaking meat business helped pre-tax profits at Borthwicks, the food and natural flavourings group, jump to £1.29 million in the year to end-March compared with a taxable profit of £255,000. Turnover fell from £51.3 million to £44.4 million. Peter Brackenridge, chief executive, is confident over prospects. Dividend is raised to 1.1p (1p). The shares rose 1p to 36Å/åp.

Hawthorn returns

SHARES in Hawthorn Leslie, the mobile telephone group, returned from suspension at É/ép, which is half the November suspension price, as the group published loss-making figures of £13.5 million for the year to end-December (£13.6 million loss). There is again no dividend. and the company says it will be "some time" before payments can be resumed. Hawthorn is setting up an executive share option scheme at HL Communications.

Newspaper decline

COST cutting and "encouraging" newspaper sales failed to prevent a fall in profits at Bristol Evening Post in the year to March. Although turnover was unchanged at £61.4 million, pre-tax profits fell from £4.8 million to £4.1 million. The figures disguised a slightly better performance in the second half. At the interim stage profits were more than £1 million adrift. Staff costs fell £52,000 to £18.8 million. The final stays at 7.75p, making an unchanged 11.5p total.

TR Property trust hit

THE collapse in UK property share values is blamed for a 24.4 per cent decline in net asset value at TR Property Investment Trust, which invests in both property shares and directly in property. The company saw net asset value fall to 30.71p a share (40.61p) at the end of March. Pre-tax revenue slid to £1.31 million (£3.79 million). Earnings plunged to 0.34p a share (1.04p). A maintained 0.85p final gives a same-again 1.45p total.

Stable S African gold market helps lift Anglo American

FROM MICHAEL HAMLYN IN JOHANNESBURG

DIRECTORS of Anglo American Corporation, the South African mining giant, yesterday said the conglomerate had at last pulled through the recession with marginally increased equity-accounted earnings and was well-placed to take advantage of the world

upturn in economic activity.
"We like to think that gold is bouncing along the bottom now," Julian Ogilvie Thompson, the chairman, said, introducing results for the year to end-March.

There seemed to have been a significant increase in the availability of Russian gold. Production in the West was unlikely to rise and might have stabilised. The group believed diamond sales would

rise marginally.

The corporation's attributable earnings increased 19.9

able earnings.

Mr Ogilvie Thompson appeared to be reasonably opti-

per cent to R1.68 billion (£327 million) from R1.4 billion but this was mainly because of an investment surplus which in-creased to R222 million from R47 million. Trading income, mainly from coal, fell marginally to R507 million.

Because less was spent on prospecting for gold other net income was higher at R69 million (R47 million). The group had good ore reserves that would be economic at about R40,000 a kilogramme and some that could be brought into production at R35,000 to R40,000.

The corporation announced a dividend increased 6 per cent to 345 cents a share (325 cents). The dividend was covered 2.1 times by attribut-

mistic about the political environment in South Africa, feeling confident that the process of constitutional negotiations would be resumed. But he gave warning that unbundling the conglomerate would have detrimental effects.

The corporation announced that it was appointing Dr Mamphele Ramphele, a black woman, as a non-executive director. She is deputy vicechancellor of Cape Town university, and was a constant companion of Steve Biko, the Black Consciousness activist, bearing him two children.

Dr Ramphele, 44, is a medical sociologist. She was the co-author of Uprooting Poverty, The South African Challenge.

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Edwards sees future for coal

Hanson sues Placer | Ford cuts chief's pay



Edwards: gas limited

By Ross Tieman INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

THE jobs of more than 10,000 miners could be saved because of constraints on Britain's electricity transmission system, the former commercial director of British Coal Corporation said. Malcolm Edwards told a

coal industry seminar that the need to retain spare capacity on tap would limit the substitution of gas-fired power stations for coal plants, ensuring that future demand for coal was up to 10 million tonnes higher than widely expected. A spokesman for the Nat-

ional Grid Company, which runs the transmission grid, confirmed Mr Edwards' cal-

Government advisers have argued that a "dash for gas" in the wake of electricity privatisation could reduce British Coal to only 14 pits by the mid-1990s. However, the need for a cushion of coal or oil plant was "flagged" in the Grid's seven-year statement.

the spokesman said. Improved prospects for the coal industry will ease the government's task of drawing up a credible structure for the privatisation of British Coal. Mr Edwards' warning is

that some groups developing gas-fired plants could face serious financial difficulties. Mr Edwards said many

developers had calculated profitability on the assumption that their plants would run all year as part of the 'baseload" supply. However, it now looked as

if as little as 5,000 megawatts of gas plant might be needed during summer demand troughs, which could seriously damage the viability of some of the 10,500 megawatts of new gas plant already licensed by the industry department, he said.



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Westland survives turbulent weather

WHAT a difference half a decade makes. Six years ago, Michael Heseltine stormed out of the Cabinet during the Westland imbroglio as the affairs of the helicopter firm threatened to bring down the

government.
The fortunes of Westland cannot be said to have flowed quite as strongly as those of the former defence secretary, but revival came with the lifesaving £900 million EH101 helicopter order from the Royal Navy last autumn. A couple of years ago, Westland was again in danger of going under, or at least of succumbing to an opportunistic takeover bid, as the expected order gap was exac-erbated by the downturn in the civil aviation industry.

That order gap was on display again with the interim figures, when Westland announced just five helicopter deliveries, half that in the comparable period last vear.

The aerospace and technologies businesses are holding their heads above water and margins are up both there and in the core helicopter operation after last year's hefty restructuring. Alan Jones, the chief executive, makes great play of the

opportunities in the com-

EH 101, although with just a

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air the craft will have to prove itself first and gamer a few more military orders.

A El million halfway rise in pre-tax profits to El 0.4 mil-lion reflected lower exceptional restructuring costs. trimmed from £3.4 million to £900.000. The impact of lower than expected rationalisation costs this year, therefore, has caused Pete Deighton, at Smith New forecast for the year by £1 million to £25 million. On that basis, the shares would sell at 11.8 times this year's earnings, with a prospective 4.6 per cent yield on a maintained dividend. High enough until further sub-stantial orders look more

Anglo American

ANGLO American Corporation, which has a market capitalisation of £4.5 billion and at which investment heads in South Africa invariably bow — and low — is an obvious beneficiary of real political peace and positive economic progress in the land south of the Limpopo. Despite an unsettled

South African economy in the year to end-March, Anglo yesterday turned out 1992 pre-tax profits of R2.45 bil-lion (£476 million), up from R2.14 billion, and reported a



Preparing for takeoff: Alan Jones of Westland

marginal increase in equity 240 cents to 255 cents a accounted earnings from R2.59 billion to R2.61

South Africa accounts for about 65 per cent of the group's investment earnings, and there is sufficient confidence in the year ahead gold price and politics being equal - to justify an increase in the final dividend from

share, making 345 cents (325 cents).

Anglo's investment perception is tied up readily with gold. Starting on July 2. Anglo is to beat its own investment drum to foreign investors, who represent 10 per cent of its share register. It will then face a London audience that might have mining world seriously worth looking at.

The seminars could be a precursor to further investment moves in Europe in the wake of the recent joining of hands with Minorco and De Beers (both Anglo related) to invest \$190 million in buying a 44 per cent stake in Frantschach, the Austrian

paper group.

Anglo is Anglo and RTZ is RTZ, but the group could see net profits edge forward again in 1993, and there should be a further increase in the dividend. At a shade short of £20, the shares trade on 16 times prospective earnings and yield 3.8 per cent. Buy before the investment message gets round.

Hicking Pentecost

A HOT, dry summer will bring mixed blessings for Hicking Pentecost, one of the less well known miniconglomerates.

The textiles division, which includes the original knitwear businesses, seems likely to suffer while the sun shines, but concern about drought leading to increased investment in water storage should benefit the growing water-tank side of the group.

One way or another, the company should continue to prosper under its manage-ment team of four accountants, which has turned round this once ailing textile stock in three years.

Pre-tax profits for the year to end-March are up 177 per cent at £2.17 million, the balance sheet has £1.5 mil-lion of net cash, earnings per share rose 44 per cent and the dividend increased by half to 3.4p per share.
The recipe for this success

been large-scale rationalisation and cost cutting in the textiles division combined with expansion into the £30 million water tank market, in which Hicking has a niche producing higher-margin, glass-re-inforced plastic tanks. The cash generative textiles op-erations still contribute most of the company's profits, but further expansion into the general water sector will drive growth.

Profits in the current year are forecast to reach £2.9 million, which would leave the shares selling at just over Il times prospective earn-ings of 13.5p per share. With cash in the bank and a 4 per cent yield, the shares seem to have little downside risk and look undervalued as long as the management can continue to find acquisitions that enhance earnings.

Dow trims losses

New York - Blue chips halved their losses by late morning as investors returned as bonds put pressure on equities after unexpectedly strong national purchasing data for last month.

The Dow Jones industrial average was 13.22 points lower at 3.383.66 compared with a session low of 3.373.29. In the broad market, declining issues led advancing shares by three to two. Analysts said the market's underlying weakness was not because of poor bond prices but rather to the Dow's failure to endure above the 3,400 level on Friday.

☐ Tokyo - The Nikkei average fell 343.64 points to 18.004.11, with an estimated

winvestor. 180 million shares traded. ☐ Hong Kong — Early gains were wiped out by heavy afternoon selling of selected blue chips that pushed the Hang Seng index down 24.15

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points to 6.056.00 at the □ Sydney - The All-ordinaries index closed 3.9 points lower at 1.674.4 after a day of

thin trade. ☐ Singapore — The Straits Times industrial index fell 14.17 points to 1.510.52 as institutional demand slackened and investors took prof-

its from recent gains. ☐ Frankfurt - The Dax index ended 5.08 points down at 1.798.14 on meagre turnover after early buying interest ebbed away. (Reuter)

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STOCK MARKET

Fear of regulators cuts phone shares

THE telephone companies came under heavy selling pressure amid fears that the regulatory authorities may soon start to get tough.

There were losses for BT, down 4p at 355 2p, and the partly-paid 4p at 138p, while Cable & Wireless remained weak falling 12p to 563p, on the back of some disappointing figures from Hong Kong Telecom last week, and Vodafone fell 10p to 384p.

Last month's move by British Gas to reduce prices by 3 per cent to 18 million domestic customers, following intense pressure from Ofgas, has reminded folk in the City how sharp the regulators' teeth are. There is growing concern that the regulators may now turn their attention elsewhere in an effort to

capitalise on their successes. An obvious target would be the telephone industry. Next new pricing formula which analysts fear could be even tougher than the RPI minus 64 per cent being talked of

far-reaching consequences for both BT and Mercury,

squeezing margins and evenmally hitting profits.

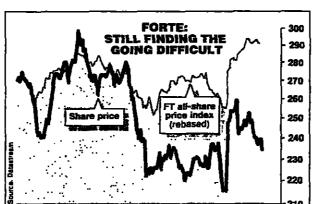
Vodafone, the mobile telephone operator, may also have to face up to increased regulation and competition. according to stockbroker Smith New Court which remains a seller of the shares.

The rest of the equity made a cautious start to the new account weighed down by a long list of companies going ex-dividend, equivalent to a 5.5 fall in the index. A further deterioration on Wall Street in resumed trading after the weekend, with the Dow Jones average continuing to retreat from the 3.400 level, left the FT-SE 100 index 10 down on the day at 2,697.6. Turnover was thin and scrappy.

By the close of business a total of 425 million shares had changed hands with no trading pattern

emerging. were left nursing falls of £4 at weakness in the dollar and the US bond market.

Forte, the hotel and leisure group, fell 4p to 235p after Smith New Court slashed its profits forecast for the current year to January by £13 mil-



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lion to £112 million, of which its hotel operation is expected to contribute around £101 million compared with £75 million last time.

million to £162 million. Midland Bank advanced 4p to 421 p after the Hong Kong & Shanghai Bank confirmed that it had stepped up the

Racal Electronic rose 1 2p to 63p on turnover of 25 million shares helped by a buy recommendation from Kleinwort Benson before full-year figures next week. Racal made a profits Williams Holdings last year. Kleinwort says the figures are unlikely to disappoint and puts a value on the shares of 72p.

The message from the broker is that conditions remain tough, with no recovery in provincial hotel bookings. Smith has reduced its fore-cast for next year by £28

trol with the purchase through its broker, James Capel, of five million shares, 0.6 per cent, at 417p, taking its holding to 15.1 per cent.

The HSBC bid is now worth around 460p a share. Lloyds

Bank feil 7p to 439p. Stockbroker UBS Phillips & Drew continues to pay close attention to the banking sector. Last week it savagely downgraded its estimates for Barclays Bank in the face of growing provisions relating to the property market. Barclays eased 3p to 372p. But it has turned buyer of National Westminster, up 6p at 358p, after upgrading its pre-tax profit forecast for the current year by £100 million to £600 million. UBS is looking for an improvement in the bad debt situation.

Fisons surged 13p to 363p in response to weekend suggestions that Boots, 2p firmer at 484p, might want to buy its pharmaceutical products operation. SmithKline Beecham A expanded 10p to 925p with James Capel posi-

The water companies face a dull few weeks as the shares, normally regarded as income stocks, begin to go ex-dividend. North West, which paid a 13p dividend. fell 15p to 425p while South West lost 24p to 411p after making a 14 2p payment. Thames, re-

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porting later today, eased 2p to 445p, and Anglia, with figures due later this week, eased ip to 427p.

Amber Day, the discount retailer, rallied from a year's low with a rise of 612p to 64p but brokers are dismissing out of hand talk of a bid for the company. The shares have fallen from a peak of 105p, with the group claiming it was the target of a bear raid and a whispering campaign in the City.

There was early support for British Aerospace and Roll-Royce on the news that the Germans had postponed by a month their decision on whether to withdraw from the European fighter project, but the British Aerospace price relapsed, closing 5p lower at 348p while Rolls-Royce held steady at 165p on learning of its 15-year technology pact with Westinghouse, the US

Leslie returned from suspension 12p better at 24p despite reporting another set of heavy losses. The shares were frozen in November pending

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REPORT: In the physical coffee market there was some trading in Indonesian robustas but generally activity was light after signs of a pickup in business last week. Volume on coffee futures was light. Cocoa futures closed with small gains boosted by signs of a temporary halt to the flow of origin sales in generally quiet featureless conditions.

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Do not forget the investor

ndrew Large took over the chair of the Securities and Investments Board yesterday with the minimum of ceremony and the maximum of discretion. Had everything gone quite as Sir David Walker intended before he handed over the reins, this might have been a suitable posture for his successor to continue. The agenda facing the chief securities regulator will certainly feature complex lobbying and negotiation over the shape of future EC rules for financial services. Two draft directives are firmly stalled and the British view is that it would be better to have nothing than agree a formal single market that will be more bureaucratic and less internationally competitive. This view is unlikely to prevail indefinitely and the Treasury, which has just taken over responsibility from the DTI for such matters, will need to do some learning. Mr Large, with his experience of continental markets, is well placed to help push for something better.

He might not have expected the main structures for regulating the retail side of the industry, which was the main purpose of the Financial Services Act, to be completely up in the air. The reforms suggested by the Clucas report, which was commissioned by the SIB, were essentially a response to the inadequate resources available to Fimbra, which covers the advisers to private investors whose mishaps have provided one of the prinicipal original spurs to legislation. The plan for a single self-regulatory organisation to cover retail investors has merit but will not suffice. It seems, in particular, to answer the industry's needs of yesterday rather than the investor's needs for tomorrow. The affairs of the small man are too often being hived off, separated out and pushed to one side. There is, for instance, little answer here to the plight of pensioners in the Maxwell frauds, which has opened up the general lack of protection of pension fund members from many more mundane malpractices. Mr Large needs to focus regulation back on the consumer. To do this he may need to adopt a high profile and make himself unpopular in the industry.

Rouble ruin

esignation of a central bank governor is often cause for alarm. In Russia, the departure of Georgy Matytukhin, after pressure against his tight money policy, looks another sure signpost on the road to ruinous hyperinflation. Smooth talking by Yegor Gaidar, the deputy prime minister, made a crucial contribution last month to persuading the IMF to accept the Russian Federation as a full member and agree to a \$24 billion package of assistance. At that time, fears were already abroad that the Russians were finding the counterinflationary disciplines the IMF demanded too much. Mr Gaidar appeared to have convinced western finance ministers and central bankers that there would be no backsliding in Moscow.

But backsliding there has been. Figures made available on Sunday showed a dramatic acceleration in the issue of cash. The severity with which the Russian authorities restrained credit last year is to give way to a step jump in the money supply to accommodate the rise in market prices. Discontent among the long-suffering Russian folk and their parlimentary representatives has to be contained. Since controls were lifted in January, prices have risen by 300 per cent, according to Mr Gaidar. Other estimates are nearer 1,000 per cent. Politicians feared lack of cash could cripple the crucial energy industries and generate unrest. The printing presses are now rolling full speed on the road to ruin. The reform may have been too hasty. History shows that cannot be cured by feeding inflation with cash.

Hongkong's global schemes are haunted by Buffalo nightmare

Hongkong Bank's

debacle at

Marine Midland

casts doubt on its

plans, writes **Neil Bennett**

here is one Midland bank

acquisition that the Hong-kong and Shanghai Bank would prefer to forget. The purchase of Marine Midland in New York State has been one of the most traumatic episodes in the bank's history and one from which it is only beginning to recover.

Hongkong Bank's current £3.6 billion bid for Midland in Britain relies on one principal thesis. The bank believes that it can, and should, develop into a global bank with semiautonomous operations in all the

world's main financial markets.

Senior executives talk quaintly about pursuing a three-legged stool concept, with legs in Asia, America and Europe. This, they believe, will generate hundreds of millions of pounds in additional trade finance and treasury revenues, while allowing significant cost savings, particularly in technology and systems.

So it is not surprising that Hongkong Bank is keen to sweep the Marine Midland debade under the carpet. The expensive acquisition, followed by losses of almost \$500 million and radical cutbacks, casts doubt over the group's entire strategy and management strength.

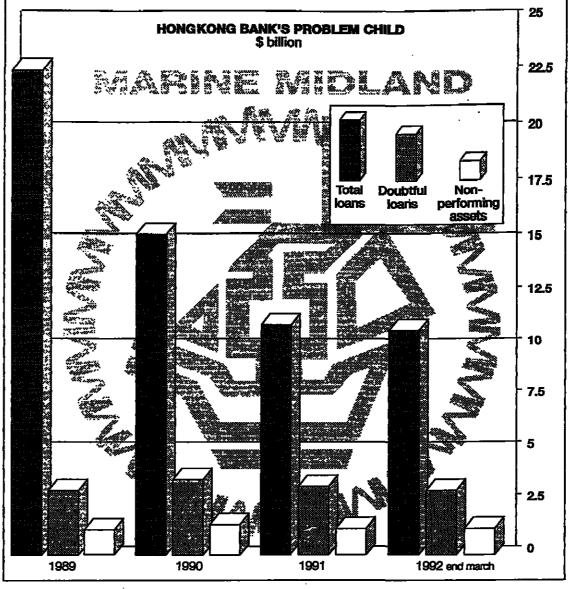
All of this seemed inconceivable to Hongkong Bank in 1980 when it bought 51 per cent of Marine for \$314 million as a first step in its bold global strategy. The bank grew steadily and Hongkong bought out the minority in 1987 for a hefty \$764

With hindsight, analysts question what brought Hongkong Bank to the shores of Lake Erie at all. While the bank was ready to expand its operations overseas, the most logical direction would have been around the Pacific rim. California, with its sunrise industries and close links to the Asia-Pacific region, would have been a natural choice.

Instead, the group chose a bank in the heart of America's rust belt. Buffalo, in New York State, Marine's headquarters, was a powerful industrial city in the late nineteenth century. At one point, it boasted both the highest skyscraper and biggest office block in the world. In recent years, however, it has suffered a painful economic decline, lightened only by the success of the Buffalo Bills

Marine also had a number of significant internal problems when Honekone Bank arrived. Infough out the seventies and eighties, it suffered an identity crisis. The bank turned its back on its profitable core retail business, due to the unappealing growth prospects, and used its strong capital to develop into a full money centre bank.

The first consequence was a mas-



sive non-performing Third World debt book. This peaked at \$1.74 billion in 1987, when provisions plunged the bank to a \$409 million loss. Marine's management has since sold the debt on secondary markets and today the portfolio is worth only \$17.1 million. The total cost of the sell-off in the past three years was

Third World lending was merely an overture compared with the firestorm that followed within the bank's domestic lending book. In the past two years, Marine has made losses of almost \$500 million because of massive bad debt provisions on its property and highly leveraged transaction lending book.

Marine is only one of many banks in eastern America that has been brought to its knees by bad debts in the past three years. The scale of the bad lending, however, makes even British banks seem models of prudence by comparison. Today, Marine holds criticised or doubtful loans raised - of \$3.2 billion, more than one sixth of the total asset book. Nonperforming loans are valued at \$1.1 billion, while the bank effectively owns property worth another \$340

million through repossessions.

The core of the bank's problems lies in its property book. The value of commercial property in many parts of New York State has fallen 40 per cent and made it impossible for most investors and developers to service

The Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, the American bank regulator, has strict rules for determining when to classify a loan as non-performing and these have ensured that 87 per cent of the bank's property lending portfolio is now criticised, or worse. The portfolio is now worth almost \$2 billion, and will take years, or perhaps decades, to

rian Robertson, the bank's head of asset quality, believes that property prices in some areas will not recover in our lifetimes. The situation at the bank reached a nadir at the end of 1990 when a report from the OCC sent a profound shock through the entire group. Until then, Hongkong Bank had only known about rising economies in the Far East. Suddenly a regulator was warning that Marine's loan book was dangerously under-provided and that its capital

The losses would have tempted a faint-hearted owner to close up shop and retreat home. Instead, Hongkong Bank shook the bank upside down and injected \$500 million.

The nagging question is how Hongkong Bank could have allowed the situation to deteriorate so far. Admittedly, the group could never have known how badly the American property market would be hit, or how deeply the recession would bite, but Hongkong Bank did make one costly error when it acquired Marine. It agreed not to become directly involved in the bank's management. Marine's existing executive team continued to dig the bank deeper into a hole until 1987, when the group finally gained the right to intervene.

Since then, it has made up for its earlier laxity with a vengeance. Today, the longest-serving member on the ten-man senior management committee joined in 1988. Five of the executives are British from head office. The new team, led by John Bond, the chief executive, and Keith Whitson, the chief banking officer, took radical steps to stabilise the pank. Both are hipped to play important roles within the Hongkong Bank group if the bid for Midland succeeds.

In the past two years, the new team has slashed its assets from \$27 billion to less than \$18 billion. They have stripped away many of Marine's lower yielding assets, including a car

loan portfolio, which expanded during its ill-fated attempt to become a money centre bank. Concord, a leasing business, and large corporate lending have been transferred to the parent bank. Marine has also sliced into its cost base. Staff numbers have been cut by more than 3,000 to 10,500 and underlying costs reduced by \$225 million a year.

In April, Marine's new management was rewarded with a return to profit. In the first quarter, the bank reported earnings of \$2.6 million. compared with a net loss of \$72.3 million in the same period in 1991. While the trend and the return to profit are encouraging. Marine is still coping with a mammoth bad debt monitoring the loans and selling the property, but the process will continue into the middle of the decade. By then the bank could start to enjoy significant writebacks from the provisions and accrued tax losses of more than \$800 million.

ortunately, the bank's core business remains strong. Marine has 317 branches and \$3 billion in deposits. making it the fourth largest bank in the state. It also has a \$14 billion securitised mortgage portfolio and 1.2 million credit cards. Robert Butcher, the chief financial officer, says the decline in assets has now largely ended, as further disposals and shrinkage will be countered by expansion in the core business.

The \$500 million cash injection from HSBC, Hongkong Bank's parent company, has also made Marine one of the best capitalised banks in America, with a tier one ratio of more than 8 per cent, double the international minimum.

John Gray, HSBC's deputy chairman, is pleased with the results of the bank's commitment to Marine. He says: "Sure we have made mistakes but when something goes wrong we do something about it. We learn by our mistakes and if you have a commitment you can turn a business

Ominously, Marine Midland's slump mirrors many of the disasters suffered by Midland Bank in the past two decades. Like the American bank, Midland tried to expand away from its traditional industrial customer base by lending to the Third World and suffered similarly disastrous consequences. More recently, both banks have been hit by a rising flood of domestic bad debts caused by the boom and bust of the local economy. Midland could lay claim to an e.en greater share of disaster than its American namesake, because it, like Hongkong Bank, was tempted to expand into America, and bought the wrong bank in the wrong area.

Hongkong Bank's failure to understand Marine's problems before it invested aimost \$1 billion, and its uture to check the cesses of the local management, do not speak highly for its skills as a global bank. Perhaps its bruising experience with Marine has prepared it for the international arena and the pitfalls of international acquisitions. It will need all of this costly experience if it wins its fight for Midland.

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Hoare team gets the chop

ABN Amro, the Dutch bank.

marked its first day as the new owner of Hoare Govett, the broker, with savage redundandis including the wholesale departure of Hoare's small companies sales team, widely held as one of the best in the business. Among the 35 casu-alties were Richard Payne, corporate finance director, and Robert Whitaker, head of UK equity sales who is being succeeded by Giles Fitzpatrick. On the small companies sales side, the casualties include Shaun Allison, 48, head of the sales team, who had been with Hoarefor 27 years, Adam Poliock, 31, a salesman and ex-Lazards, and Fiona Wollocombe, 27, who is on holiday. Whitaker, Allison and Pollock, who left Hoare on Friday, were yesterday hoping to move as a united team to new pastures. According to Peter Meinertzhagen. Hoare Govett's chairman, the broker is "as committed as ever to small companies de-Pite slashing its sales team it will continue to have dedicated salesmen and to produce the respected Hoare Govett FT-SE style irdex on small companies. Allison, however, was predicting a huge loss of confidence in his old firm. The core of the small companies business was principaly in our team and our contacts," he said. "I think they'll find that a large amount of the goodwill they had was tied up

in sales."

WHEN Anglo American Cor-



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that South Africa has changed, possibly nothing will do more for its case than its appointment of Dr Mamphela Ramphele, 44, as a nonexecutive director. Aletta Ramphele, as she is known, is the second black person and the first woman to join the Anglo American board. She is already prominent in South Africa, where she is deputy vice-chancellor of Cape Town University. She has also played a key role in helping Anglo American devise programmes on poverty alleviation while her book on the subject. Uprooting Poverty: The South African Challenge. co-written with Francis Wilson, is said to be essential reading for Anglo American executives keen to be au fait with the latest liberal thinking.

Mistaken identity

A FRENZY of publicity is being whipped up for the latest Lloyd's of London hatchet job, For Whom The Bell Tolls, by biographer Jonathan Mantle. A pre-launch press release from the publisher. Sinclair-Stevenson, promises "the story of a hidden holocaust" that

has allegedly "annihilated 20 per cent of the English middle classes". Strong stuff indeed. However, the impact of the purple prose has been slightly undermined by one small but crucial omission unfortunately repeated about 20 times - the apostrophe that turns Lloyds. the profitable high street bank. into Lloyd's, the loss-making insurance institution. One only hopes the proof reader of the book knows the difference.

CITY DIARY

Picture of woe

THE Institute of Directors faces a £164.000 bill for the cleaning of the ten or so paintings hanging in its imposing premises in Pall Mall, London - once the home of the United Services Club - and is claiming that it does not have the wherewithall to pay it. According to its lease from the Crown, the institute is responsible for the upkeep, mainte-nance and refurbishment of the building, but it is now examining the contract's finer print to determine whether it is legally liable for this addi-tional bill. The works include two huge oil paintings on the second floor. The Battle of Waterloo, painted by George Jones in 1817 — approximately 15ft by 7ft — is worth £100,000. The other, The Bartle of Trafalgar, by Clarkson Starfield, is worth £250,000. Their frames are also said to need regilding. An IOD spokesman says: "We can't afford to go it alone," adding that since the paintings are owned by the Crown, and deemed to be national treasures, the institute is now in friendly talks with the Crown's agents and hopeful of negotiating a joint

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approach to the problem.

Catch 22 in the housing market

From Mr Nick Aspinall Sir, Much has been written about the key indicators to restoration of consumer confidence (GNP, unemployment, interest rates), but for the individual who was encouraged to move house in the first three boom quarters of 1988 two overriding issues continue to depress confidence.

The threat of redundancy is enough to cause most breadwinners to want to reduce their overheads in order to give better protection against that eventuality. This means clearing old debts while building savings and attempting these twin tasks leaves almost no disposable income. So the threat of redundancy has the same effect on confidence as redundancy itself.

The second issue concerns high numbers of house-movers who were encouraged to borrow "cheap money" to the hilt in 1988 and as property prices have fallen now find that they owe more than their property is worth. Until house prices move upwards and once again exceed the size of the mortgage, thereby restoring the homeowners' nest-egg. these homeowners are effectively out of the housing market and their confidence is destroyed. The last issue smacks of Catch 22. Recovery won't came until the housing market recovers. The housing market can't recover until homeowners restore their net equity. There can be no ner equity until house prices rise. House prices won't rise until house sales recover. Won't all this take time? Perhaps until

Yours faithfully, NICK ASPINALL Managing Director. Oxford Retail Consultants. Wicks House.

The simplicity of extended personal equity plans for the savings market merely creating jobs for vested interests rather than the

From Mr Philip Chappell Sir, Mathematics and common-sense do not always fit easily together, as shown by the Dilnot/Johnson paper on Tax Reform (Economic View, May 26). The overwhelming arguments for abolishing mortgage relief and treating pension contributions as a benefit-in-kind are not driven by proposals for a cut in basic rate tax, but by support for a fairer, simpler, tax system which impacts equally on all tax payers. The Institute for Fiscal Studies has been the leader in extended personal equity plans (expeps) and should surely support as broad a base as possible for the savings market. Pensions and

income, but thereafter are treated free of all tax. Expeps are flexible: the individuals' transactions are adapted to their personal needs, and droves of the Inland Revenue and accountants become unnecessary. Expeps restore personal ownership, without the barriers and limits which create cost burdens even for the present pep regime. Expeps restore power to choose and right to own in the savings mortgage relief both involve

transferring pensions, even onto an expeps regime, might complexity and cross-subsidy. not generate much revenue. Mortgage tax relief

From The Secretary-General

of The Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors

Sir. If the extra tax earned from phasing out mortgage interest relief were used to cut the basic rate of income tax. the Institute for Fiscal Studies is right (report, May 26) that the main gainers would be the better-off. But those who have argued for some time - seven years in the case of this institution - for its phasing out have not proposed recyding the saving into tax cuts.

We have looked at the total resources from the public purse which go into housing and have viewed the tax foregone on mortgage interest (some 56.1 billion in 1991-2) as a substantial part of this total spend. We have then asked how these resources could be applied more equitably and effectively towards the national goal of decent homes for all. Our answer and that of a growing number of others is that the way forward lies in the

introduction of a new type of housing allowance. Such an allowance would go to the individual, not the home. It would be available to all householders on the basis of need, whether they be homeowners, mortgage payers,

public sector tenants or private

The article suggests that

Expeps are simple: all sa-

vings are made out of after-tax

Such a move would go a long way towards removing the distortions which bedevi British housing. The price of accommodation - owned. mortgaged or rented - could then follow the market. Individuals would be able to choose the form of tenure that best met their needs, not be pushed into one option by the tax benefits. Such changes could increase the supply of homes, helping both to combat homelessness and encourage labour mobility.

Yours faithfully, MICHAEL PATTISON. General-Secretary. The Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors. 12 Great George Street, Parliament Square, SW1

actual tax paid has some

benefit, and the proper treatment of unfunded guaranteed, pensions (mainly in the public service) would add some 50 per cent to the Revenue's calculation of £9.1 billion of the present aggregate costs. Morton's Fork strikes

again. Either the change is tax neutral, in which case there can be no objection to transferbelieve, in which case there are opportunities for major tax reform, abolishing the higher rate and lowering the basic rate of income tax. Another decade or so and we can move from expeps to the true goal of an expenditure tax alone. PHILIP CHAPPELL

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As Goethe said:

"NO ONE WOULD TALK MUCH IN SOCIETY IF ONLY HE KNEW HOW OFTEN HE MISUNDERSTANDS OTHERS."

Experts in any field will naturally use their own specialized language.

A computer boffin will talk in terms

But someone somewhere might assume, not unreasonably, that an invitation to lunch is on the cards.

Environmental scientists will bang on about ecosystems. And it's not inconceivable to imagine someone thinking they're the latest thing in hi-fi.

Basically, it's all too easy for an expert to slip into the jargon of his profession, leaving the rest of us floundering. After all, it's the sort of language he uses every day.

But who does he think he's talking to? It's the first question we should ask ourselves when we sit down to compose a letter.

Even less excusable is the use of language none of us uses every day:

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"Production is ramping up."
"Bottom line it for me."
Stilted businesspeak like this is clearly intended to impress, to make the writer appear switched on.

➤ In the event, though, the reader will quickly switch off. Letterspeak can often come across as equally pretentious.

You know. The sort of stuff that was drummed into us at school, overly formal, unnatural and actually clouding the point we're trying to make.

As a general rule, if we want to communicate, we should write as we speak, avoiding outmoded expressions like: 'with respect to,' in terms of,' 'with regard to,' in this connection,' and 'as to whether.'



A style like this only succeeds in sounding either bored or boring or both.

We should strive to express, not impress.

The content of what we have to say should be impressive enough.

Of course, slipshod spelling and punctuation can

> Come on. Admit it. When was the last time you heard someone say: "It would be greatly appreciated if you could pass me the salt and pepper."

"I gratefully acknowledge receipt of your kiss."

*Enclosed, please find your

elling and punctuation can trip up any reader. A mis-

placed comma can be a pain in the colon.

And it's never done anyone any harm to have a passing acquaintance with syntax.

But we shouldn't allow ourselves to be

slaves to the niceties of grammar.

Admittedly, deep in darkest Surrey

there still exists a sect of septuagenarian pedants for whom the splitting of an infinitive is as catastrophic an act for the human

race as the splitting of the atom ever was.

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Faber Prest turns in flat interim

By Jonathan Prynn

FABER Prest, the steel slag converter and car retailer, has announced flat interim pretax profits of £1.84 million (£1.80 million) for the six months to end-March.

Roger Feaviour, the chief executive, said: "Development of the clear strategy outlined towards the end of last year has enabled the group to improve the quality of its earnings, reduce its costs and borrowings and focus management activities on the considerable opportunities available."

Earnings per share rose from 11.65p to 11.69p. The interim dividend was mainrained at 4.3p.

Turnover in the industrial services division was down 8 per cent but operating profits

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though there was evidence of confidence in the economy returning, it would take some time to affect the group's

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were maintained at £1.3 million as a result of margins increasing to 10.8 per cent. Faber's share of the loss from Appleby Slag Reduction was BY COLIN CAMPBELL

MORE than a century of

history will be recalled in

London on Friday, when

Antofagasta Holdings, the Chile-based group with the nickname "Fags", holds its

Antofagasta was estab-

lished in 1888, when the spir-

it of Victorian venture capital-

ism fired the British to go

abroad and build. The com-

pany started life as The Anto-

fagasta (Chili) and Bolivia

Railway Company at a time

when pioneers needed a rail-

way line to run from Antofa-

gasta, in Chile, to La Paz,

Fags' capital built the rail-

way and though, over the past

100 years, the company has

moved into other areas, it has

never forgotten its roots. To-day, though widely regarded

as a copper producer, Fags is no ordinary copper share.

The company also owns ex-tensive railway track in Chile

on which 30 locomotives and

2,000 wagons carry freight

and, once a week, passengers.

It has interests in forestry,

telecommunications and

banking. The water that once

kept the company's steam trains running is today piped from the Andes to the city of

Antofagasta.
Fags is 70 per cent owned

by Andronico Luksic, its chairman, who is credited

with having the "Lord Han-

son touch" of making badly

104th annual meeting.

Operating profits in the dis-tribution division rose 14 per cent to £900,000. Car retail-

The company said that, al-

Borrowings were reduced £3.5 million from the year end to £6 million, which leaves gearing at 32 per cent

Chile group builds on 104-year tradition

'Fags' gets back on the rails

Desert haul: Antofagasta has always carried freight for the mining industry

of steadily increasing earnings. That was mainly because the world copper price fell from 121 cents to 106 cents a pound. Analysts predict, however, that 1992 could see profits recover to £26.4 million.

Copper is unlikely to help, since the world price is fore-cast to remain soft, averaging only 96 cents a pound this year. Non-copper interests, helped by a stronger Chilean economy, will fill the gap.

In the year to last Decem-The railway track crosses ber, group pre-tax profits fell 34 per cent, from £29.3 milthe Atacama desert to the Bolivian border, a ticket for the weekly passenger train from Antofagasta to La Paz

costs £25.60. Goods trains regularly haul copper, tin, machinery and general growth rate of between 5 and freight from the coast into the

mountains, servicing the mining industry. Fags' attributable copper production is set to rise sharply now that two low-cost mines — in one of which Midland Bank has a 40 per cent interest - have come

into production. Fags owns 48 per cent of Bank O'Higgins, one of only three private Chilean banks with a triple A rating from the country's banking regulators. The bank expects a stronger 1992 performance after

HE TIMES UNIT TRUST INFORMATION SERVICE:

economists' predictions that Chile will record a real 1992

6 per cent. The country's inflation rate, 27 per cent in 1990 and 18 per cent in 1991, is forecast to fall to 12 per cent this

Mr Luksic is credited with the ability to recognise situations in which patience and efficient asset management will bring rewards - hence

the "Hanson" tag. He moved into Fags in 1978, when railway operations, then the principal asset. were making losses. In 1991. railway activities made pretax profits of £4.64 million on a turnover of £13.7 million.

He later moved into banking, only to watch Latin America become gripped by a horrendous debt crisis. Banking profits last year totalled £4.06 million (£5.16 million). In 1982, Mr Luksic became interested in copper when the metal was out of fashion and most world producers were registering hefty

in 1986, when the copper price was languishing at 55 cents a pound, he bought the Chilean copper assets of Anaconda, the American mining giant that was then owned by Atlantic Richfield, for £4

Profits from mining operations last year totalled £5.59 million, compared with £14.5 million in 1990, when copper prices were higher.

Philip Adeane, Fags' managing director, says that while Fags has come a long way since 1888, Chile is likely to remain the company's base for a while yet. He shares economists' belief that prospects will improve in 1992 and beyond, and says Chile

has served the company well. The 1991 balance sheet proves his point. The accounts show net assets of £141 million, of which £68 million were attributed to mining and £18 million to the railway, and cash at bank and in hand of £15.1 million

at the year-end. The shares reached a 12month high of 608p on Friday, giving Fags a market capitalisation of £182 million. What a difference 104 vears make.

Solopak sale deal collapses

BY RODNEY HOBSON

THE sale of Smith & Nephew's Solopak division has fallen through. The health-care group said that Ivax. a chemicals and pharmaceuticals group, "does not intend to proceed with the conditional agreement" to buy Solopak for \$19 million.

The conditional agreement was announced three months ago and Ivax has been conducting due diligence enquiries into Solopak. Smith and Nephew said it was unable to say why Ivax had changed its

Solopak makes generic pharmaceuticals for the American market. It has net assets of about \$25 million but made an operating loss of £1 million in 1991. The division is currently breaking even. Smith & Nephew, maker of Nivea and Elastoplast, said it was reviewing available options but still intended to withdraw from the

Solopak has been affected by a series of scandals involving drugs produced by other generic drug manufacturers in America.

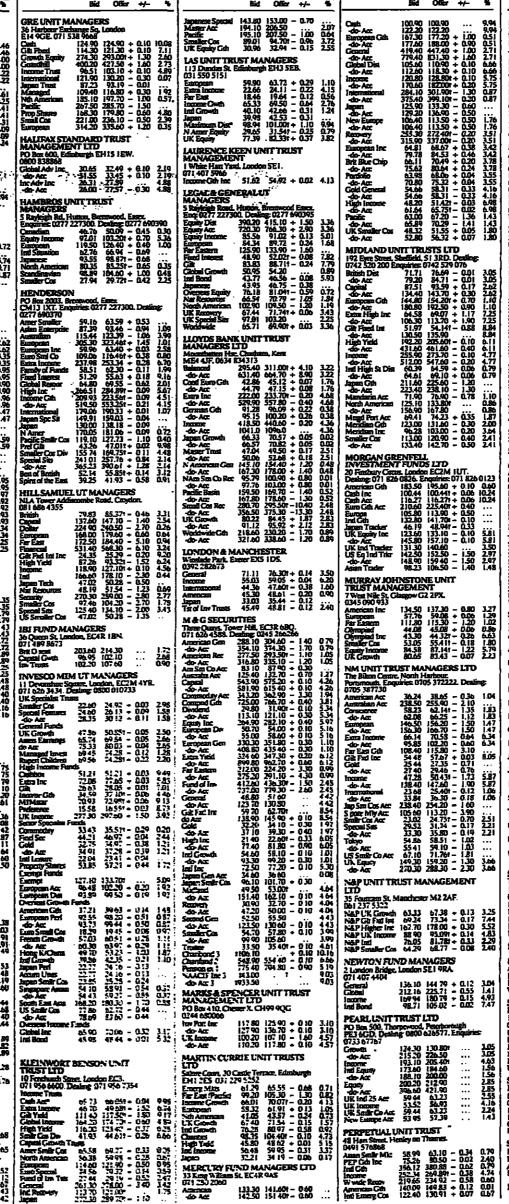
The Food and Drug Administration, the US regulatory organisation, has tightened up procedures for drug producers, severely restricting the number of gener-

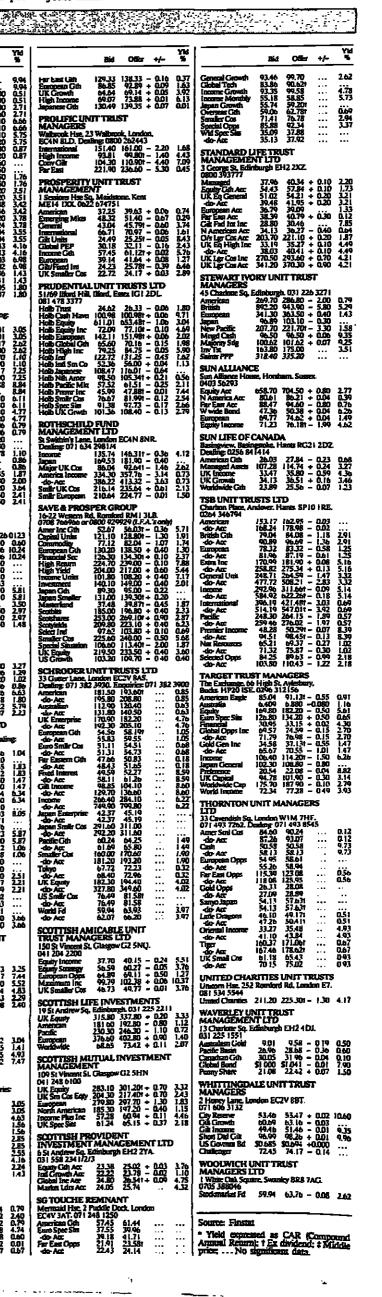
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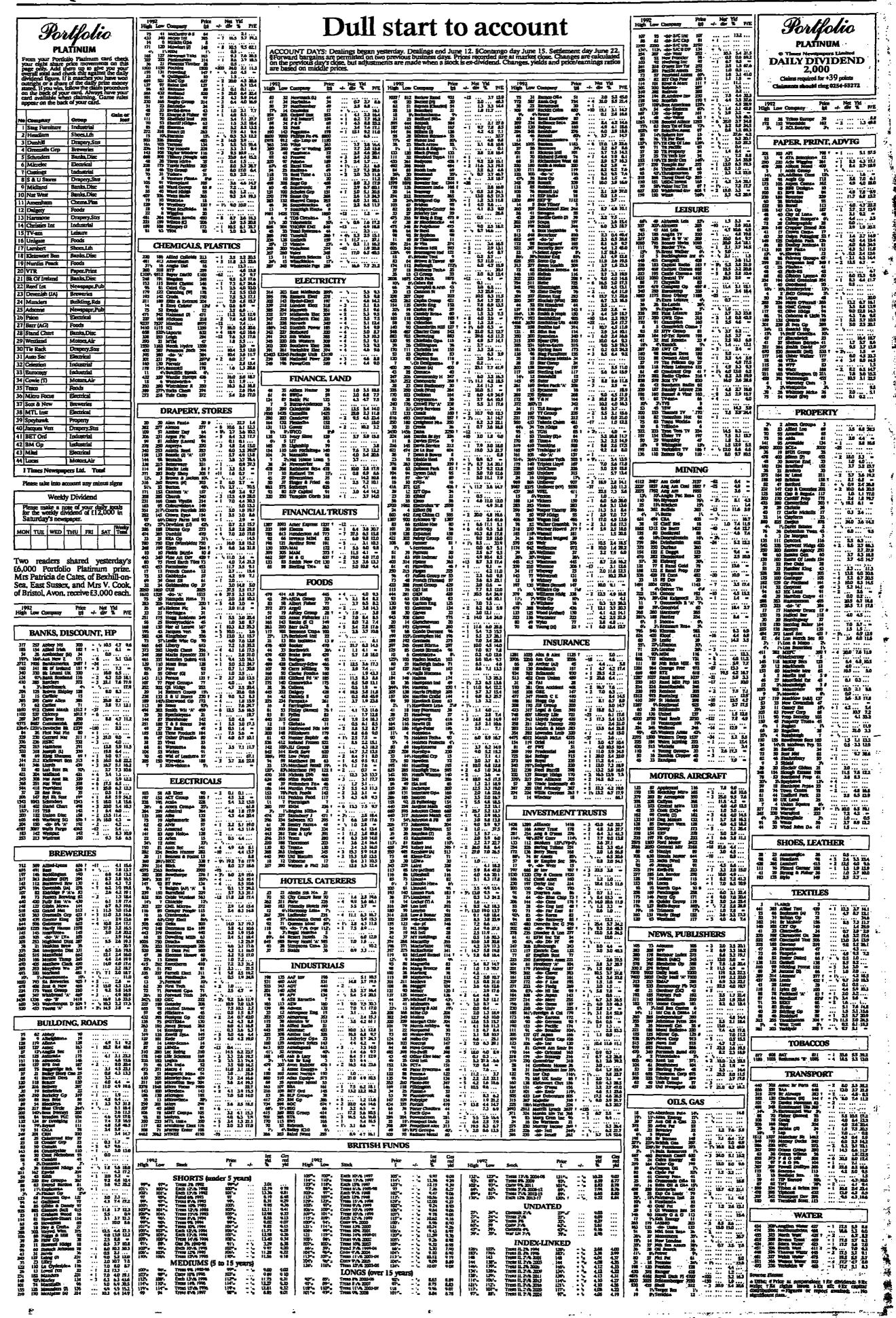
A continual flow of new drug approvals is essential for generic manufacturers to maintain sales growth and profitability.

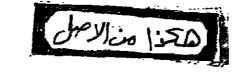
Solopak has achieved strong sales growth but has still not developed into a core

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Rising insurance claims: Lloyd's of London insurance building, and (inset) Erica Dickinson, was awarded £425,000 in damages from solicitors Lawyer against lawyer

Insurance premiums for solicitors are rising as more

ber of solicitors being sued for negligence has risen from 2,900 to 15,000. To accommodate the increased costs of negligence, solicitors' professional indemnity insurance premiums rose by 34 per cent last year. A high street solicitor pays £4.000 a year in professional indemnity insurance premiums, four times more than an equivalent doctor and twice as much as a similarly earning accountant.

The main reasons are increased public awareness and confidence; no longer will people accept a bad job. Fewer are intimidated by solicitors. more are prepared to exercise

But while most solicitors see the pendulum swinging too far the wrong way, and there is talk of defensive law having to he practised to avoid costly mistakes, one firm has seized the opportunity. This time last year, Irwin Mitchell, the Shef-field and Birmingham based solicitors' firm, set up a special unit to deal with negligence claims against solicitors. In the past year, the number of solicitors' cases the firm handies has more than doubled to

the current 250. For Michael Napier, the senior partner, specialising in clients make negligence claims. Hugh Thompson reports on a firm that specialises in such cases

suing solicitors is a natural extension of the expertise the firm has built up in personal injury, medical negligence and insurance law. The firm is also heavily involved in disaster cases. We have always been

strong on litigation, we have always been prepared to take cases that others found too difficult," Mr Napier says. "This is an area of law the public has traditionally thought that most solicitors will not handle."

Several cases that have put the firm on the map involved negligence by solicitors. Erica Dickinson, for instance, was awarded a £12,600 lump sum and £2.400 a year divorce settlement after nearly 20 years of marriage with her millionaire husband. In 1989. ten years after that settlement. she was awarded, with the help of Irwin Mitchell, £425,000 against the solicitors who advised her.

James Taylor, the Irwin Mitchell partner in charge of the professional negligence department says that about half the cases are legally aided. Most come from conveyancing mistakes because of technical and administrative error. There is a human element in the job, so there will always be errors." he says. "We have dealt with one case in which the solicitor lost the papers and pretended there was no case. In another, the barrister had the papers for months without

opening them. "We are actually dealing with one case in which we are suing a solicitor for negligently suing another solicitor."

t present the supply of the increasing work load comes from three sources: other solicitors who realise the case is too technical or that they have been negligent and must pass the client elsewhere; second, the firm's high profile leads the public to it: and third, with such a large practice, there are negligence cases arising from the work of other lawyers in cases involving Irwin Mitchell. Twenty of the current solicitors' negligence cases come from the firms'

sarily mean that they will get what they consider to be the Irwin Mitchell prides itself

on its "forensic approach", its ability "to see angles where others do not". Doesn't this mean they find negligence where others would not? Mr Napier comments: "If we are forcing those in general prac-tice to be more careful about what cases they handle, we are improving the profession."

But as one family solicitor in Bromley, south London, said: The result of this swing to increased claims of negligence is more expensive law, which means the poorest will suffer.

In negligence cases, it is the Solicitors' Indemnity Fund that has to pay out in either costs or damages or both. Brian Stewart, claims man-

ager for the Solicitors' Indemnity Fund, says: "The fund faces many claims that have been handled in a slow and inept fashion. This only adds to the costs, which are borne by the whole profession. Any move that speeds up the process and weeds out the spurious claims is to be

Mr Napier adds: "The fact that we get so much of this work from other solicitors shows what the profession

Where the judge was considered a god

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ames Morris, in Pax Britannica, a study of the British Empire, referred to a hill tribe in India that was involved in a dispute with the government about forest rights. When discovered sacrificing a kid to endear themselves to a distant deity, the elders of the community explained: "We know nothing of him, but that he is a good god, and that his name is the Judicial

Committee of the Privy Council."
The success of Empire in encouraging the resolution of disputes by peaceful and rational means, notwithstanding the absurdity of the cultural clashes to which this could give rise, is the background to Ronnie Knox-Mawer's new book, A Case of Bananas (Michael O'Mara Books, £14.99).

From 1952 until 1970, Mr Knox-Mawer served with Her Majesty's Overseas Judiciary. In 1986, Tales from a Palm Court described his experiences as a judge in British Arabia. Now he re-

counts affectionate tales, some taller than others, of his life on circuit in the South Pacific. armed only with Halsbury's Laws of England and his wig

His court was "a stuffy little arena with a tin roof and a single creaking fan". His bench was "a peeling leather chair containing a broken spring repaired with guava twine". There was "the unforgettable occasion on the Nambatu Assize Circuit when my sitting was made insufferable by a plague of Samoan

The cause list habitually concerned "pig theft, after-hours toddy drinking and the usual summonses against rickshaw drivers who constantly

ignored the 5mph speed limit on the seafront". Occasionally there was a serious case, such as "a felonious conspiracy to cast a spell of impotence on the newly married chief, or there was the need for a stiff deterrent sentence, as during "the 1959 Coconut Riots" when "teenage rebels had pelted the village elders with showers of halfripe missiles after a night of kava drinking".

Mr Knox-Mawer assures his readers that he would consult Archbold's Criminal Pleading, Evidence and Procedure before he "struggled to drive home a direction to the jury on the corroboration of an accomplice's evidence". The last trained advocate who wrote so affectionately about the South Sea Islands was Robert Louis Stevenson. James Morris saw the Judicial Committee

of the Privy Council, with its powers over a quarter of the population of the world, as "the one imperial institution that smacked authentically of the Caesars".

Her Majesty's Judges abroad had a similarly grand function, both important and anomalous, of interpreting the tribal customs and laws of proud and independent civilisa-

the Weekly Law Reports.

The real achievements of the English legal system as a civilising force, notwithstanding the pomposity to which it is prone, were not diminished, though they were made more entertaining, by the application through Africa and Asia of some of the more farcical manfestations of English legal procedure.

The wearing of wigs and gowns, inconvenient and absurd in the Royal Courts of Justice, was a positive health hazard neare the Equator. In temperatures of 115F. wearing "the scarlet and ermine" was made tolerable only by "stripping off completely underneath, save for a pair of Airtex briefs and a string vest". The judge's Ede & Ravenscroft wig box served as a bucket on the capsizing of the launch carrying him between islands to dispense justice.

A Victorian predecessor had, on his retirement, left his wig with the elders of the community. as "they thought it was the secret of his mana, his power". In modern times, other symbols are more attractive. Mr Knox-Mawer gives evidence there is no corroboration that the queen of one island, attending court proceedings, took a fancy to the judge's striped trousers. As a colonial judge has to observe local custom, her majesty received

the trousers as a gift. In Graham Greene's The Heart of the Matter, Scobie, the police officer in west Africa, has "six witnesses to examine, and he didn't believe a word that any of them said . . . Now lost in the tangle of lies he felt an extraordinary affection for these people who paralysed an alien form of justice by so simple

a method". The mixed pleasures of self-government have largely removed the predominantly benevolent, sometimes bewildered, and occasionally intolerant colonialism of the travelling judge. However, legal advertisements in these law pages of The Times are still aimed at recruiting judges, law officers and advocates for independent territories that once formed part of the Empire. In Tales from a Palm Court, Mr Knox-Mawer noted that whenever he arrived at the court house at Mabasa, on the shores on the Indian Ocean. "my request for silence was invariably drowned by the traditional song of welcome"

English judges who are more accustomed to criticism than compliments, and lawyers tempted to escape a professional life governed by no excitement other than uncertainty as to when the legal aid authorities will condescend to pay for work done, should read and enjoy Mr Knox-Mawer's evocation of the brighter side of legal life in the shade. The author is a practising barrister and a fellow of All Souls College, Oxford

first time considering putting a cap, or

SOLICITORS' firms are still recling from the shock news that they face a special levy of E1.700 a partner to pay for the increase in sums claimed for dishonesty by colleagues from the profession's compensation fund this

The rise in claims against the fund. partly because of the growth in mortgage fraud, means that payments for 1992 could reach £20 million, compared with £11.7 million in 1991.

Mortgage fraud involving solicitors is estimated by the Metropolitan Police's company formed description. company fraud department to be

running at more than £1 billion. The compensation fund, though, is only the tip of the iceberg when it comes to claims against the profession. The fund deals only with claims of dishonesty against sole practitioners.

All other claims are met by the professional indemnity fund, which is setting aside enough to meet claims of



Philip Ely: trailed new proposal £200 million. The figures, and the

predicted continuing rise, are prompting unprecedented debate about how to tackle compensation. As well as tighter controls on how

solicitors keep accounts and handle

clients' money, the profession is for the

any one claim, particularly where the claimaint is a financial institution. The profession is now the only one that pays out on claims with no limit: and there is growing support for a cap,

although many would not favour a limit on claims by private clients. At the same time, there are separate proposals - first trailed last autumn by Philip Ely, president of the Law Society - to increase gradually the element of a professional indemnity claim that firms

"ceiling", on the amount it will pay for

must meet themselves, possibly eventually to £20,000. In one of the biggest consultation exercises seen by the profession, every solicitor in England and Wales will receive a copy of the proposals on how to tackle the rise in claims on the

compensation fund. FRANCES GIBB

are too many high-street solici-

tors who, despite increasing

specialisation, try to be a jack of all cases which can often lead to problems," Mr Napier

says. "The client starts a think

that things are not progressing as they should; they feel some-

thing is wrong. A communi-

cation gap is created and they

come to us. Losing confidence

in a solicitor is a shattering

However, the public's in-

creased expectations about

what the law can and cannot

provide are sometimes over-

stretched. Irwin Mitchell has

been asked to sue judges be-

cause an aggrieved party felt

the judge was in collusion with

the prosecuting barrister — the

"evidence" being that they

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Classically, if a solicitor's negli-

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Pressed for time

WILL THE new Lord Chief Justice break new ground and appoint his own press officer? Lord Taylor, who has ushered in a new era of mediafriendliness among judges, is beginning to find that contact with the media is a doubleedged sword.

In the wake of his unprecedented press conference on the day his appointment was announced, some journalists seemed to think they could ring him up, on a daily basis, for "learner and property" on for "instant comment" on cases. That he said in an interview with The Times today, was not what he meant at all. "Apart from anything clse," he added, "I have better things to do."

There was also the fuss surrounding the "first" interviews with three national dailies, carefully timed by Sheila Thompson, the Lord Chancellor's press officer. All the dailies were all pipped to the post when the Sunday Telegraph came out with an interview privately arranged with Lord Taylor himself.

There is concern, too, that the head of the judiciary should be sharing press offi-cers with the Lord Chancellor. Lord Mackay of Clashfern. Lord Taylor admits there is the potential for a conflict of interest, but so far is not commining himself on his



to review the needs of his own office, including press relations, in three months' time. Either way, he is bound to ask for more back-up: Lord Lane struggled for years with a clerk, secretary and a typist.

Cooled passions THE office lothario in the

land of lovers may be in for a shock. While surveys have shown that sexual harassment in some French offices is something women are expected to view as a compliment. France's minister for women's rights is about to call a halt.

The minister has obtained approval for a bill to make sexual harassment a criminal offence. Under the proposal, convicted harassers will face either a fine or a spell in jail to cool their ardour.

Writ large

THERE are many prominent figures or even giants in the arts who have started life as lawyers and thought better of it (Washington Irving and

Henri Matisse are twol. There are also those who manage to do both, Sir Walter Scott being perhaps one of the

most shining examples.

In Lawful Occasions, by
Andrew Lothian, a collection of essays and literary extracts on Scotland and the law, Robert Louis Stevenson (himwif an advance, although he

rarely practised) and John Buchan both write about Scott's illustrious career as Sheriff and Clerk of Sessions and his place within the bar in Edinburgh where he wrote the Waverley novels in the midst of the buzz of legal life. The book also has extracts from

James Boswell's Journal of a

Tour to the Highlands, John

Buchan's John Macnab and

Lord Birkett's Six Great Advo-

cares. Not cheap at £19.95,

Hot stuff?

FRAUDSTERS had better watch out unless they are also expert computer hackers. The trade and industry department's investigations division has gone high-tech. While the Serious Fraud Office has decided to turn away cases to focus its resources on major

frauds, the department has brought in a new computer system. Icarus, in computer language a "bespoke Ingres case management system". has been developed by AMP Systems. Icarus is designed to remove the need for paper files and case clerks.

The 90 or so staff in the division now have a specially developed system to enable them to track cases and give them access to information on cases they are involved in. Martyn Hall, of the Com-

puter Management Group which managed the installation of the system, says: "An important aspect of all this was the involvement of users in the detailed specification of the system from the beginning."

The department, however, must be hoping the system is better equipped than its unfortunate namesake, who had a tendency to crash when the going got too hot

Farewell

FRESHFIELDS and the City are mourning the death of the firm's partner, Bill Richards, a finance specialist. A Yorkshireman, Mr Richards was well liked in the City and included among his accomplishments the opening of Freshfields' Tokyo office. He was 42, and leaves a wife and three children.

A memorial service will be held at St Bride's. Fleet Street. on June 15. The family has requested no flowers and that donations be made to the British Heart Foundation.

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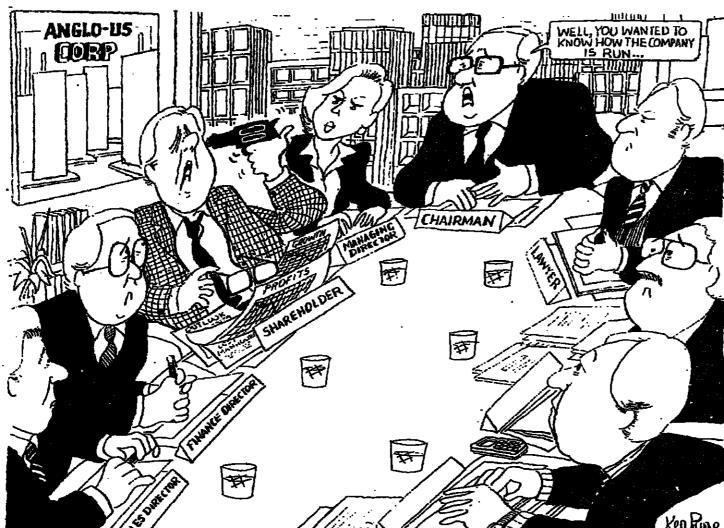
report on the financial aspects of corporate gov-ernance was published last week by Sir Adrian Cadbury's committee. The main recommendation is a code of best practice to "achieve the necessary high standards of corporate behaviour, and the discussion underlying this is similar to that being held in America. Both countries have seen parallel changes and chal-lenges to their corporate lifestyle. Plunging profits have increased shareholders' demands for more

information on how companies are run. The rise in corporate failures during recession has provoked questions about whether improved management accountability and financial responsibility could have prevented, or at least given early warning of, disaster.

The backdrop has been the inexorable increase in the holdings of UK and American listed equities by institutional shareholders. In the UK, institutions now hold about 50 per cent and in America about 47 per cent of listed equities. Institutional investors have a great ability to influence company management and, theoretically, have greater motives for wanting to do so.

In America, a watershed was the publication last July of a statement by a working group of representatives of large public companies and institutional investors outlining corporate governance principles that both "sides" would observe to reduce tensions between the owners and managers of companies.

The statement, entitled "A New Compact for Owners and Directors", sets out the responsibilities respectively of directors and shareholders. The first part contains proposals that are largely in the Cadbury report, such as the reinforcement of non-executive directors' role as an independent check on a company's activities. The second part says shareholders should act as owners rather than investors, taking a long-term view of the company's prospects rather than seeking a short-term gain. and should help to evaluate directors' performance, but should not be involved in day-to-day affairs.



The premise is that if companies observe the requirements of the first part institutional shareholders will accept the principles of the second.

The compact has been controversial in some circles. One question is whether institutional shareholders are able to act as "owners" rather than investors in view of their fiduciary duty to obtain the best return for their investors. A second question about achieving full ownership status is whether it can be "detached ownership" for certain investors because of their widespread practice of distributing funds to numerous external managers whose performance is judged by short-term returns.

Such concerns may have lessened the compact's influence, and recent events in America have shown that the wish of shareholders to participate in day-to-day management, against which the compact cautioned, is increasing. For example, this year a proposal was made in a shareholder's proxy

statement for Exxon's annual meeting to establish a three-member panel to monitor management.

Management opposed the inclusion of the proposal, but the Securities and Exchange Commission, the regulatory body, has widened its view of what shareholders may ask to be put to the annual meeting through a company's proxy statement. As a result, the proposal was admitted to the agenda Previously it probably would have failed because it would have been considered the "ordinary business" of management and inappropriate for shareholder consideration.

This development, if it becomes prevalent, cannot be in anybody's best interests. Management needs to make bona fide decisions freely and quickly, and hindrances reduce the directors' effectiveness. This must be avoided in the UK, and the Cadbury report may help. The report advocates the annual meeting as the forum for share-

holders to express views and says "shareholders can play a more effective governance role by aiming to influence board policies in this way, than by seeking to make the detail of board decision subject to their vote". Shareholders will abide by this only while they feel a company's corporate governance is such that involvement of the kind

beginning to appear in America is

o achieve this, definitive principles of good corporate governance must be clearly set out, fully supported and respected by all interested parties. The report already has many of these qualities - for example, a proposal for a broader use of the audit committee - but a response from institutional investors and others must be the next stage, followed by a restatement of principles in the light of their

The Cadbury report recom-

mends the appointment of a group in two years' time to examine compliance with the code. If the appointment produces a permanent monitoring and advisory body, to which managers or investors could turn for what would in effect be a "ruling" on a point of corporate governance, the UK will have made good progress towards solving the problems considered by the Cadbury committee.

At present, America does not appear to be following this path. Unless the working group that published the compact can republish it in light of further discussion among its constituencies. America may have to become accustomed to either increased shareholder participation or increased regulation.

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Why courts may go high tech

Failed poll tax cases have shown that the law must adopt modern methods

poll tax defaulters that failed because of the inadmissibility of computerised evidence in magistrates' courts have emphasised that the law has not kept up with technology. The conduct of everyday life, let alone business, would now be unthinkable without sophisticated information technology. Yet the law is still

deciding how to deal with it. The general principle, of course, is that the "best evidence" available should be used in the courts and there is a feeling that "hard copy". that is, pieces of paper and the original documents, must occupy this primary position. However, the number of the doc-

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firms are allready being bombarded with information about sophisticated methods of keeping track of documents. mostly from American consultants. and the further the technologists advance the more complex will become the lawyers' task in judging what they will, and will not, allow to be used in court.

Arthur Andersen, along with other leading accountancy firms such as Coopers & Lybrand Deloitte, is now offering support to lawyers in complex cases. The services include one recently imported from America. "Database services", as it is called, provides back-up for lawyers in cases in which a lot of documents have to be organised. Alongside systems for numbering, batching, coding and scanning documents. Arthur Andersen is now offering a "database development" service, which is likely to extend the boundaries of what is admissible in court as

David Armstrong, of the firm's inancial consulting unit, explains: Database development contains key information about the docu-

ecent attempts to prosecute ments that are likely to feature in any particular case. What is most remarkable, however, is the way that through its 'image database' it stores copies of the original documents themselves. All key documents will have been photographed and coded and stored on what looks like a compact disc.

"Insert the CD into a computer and instruct it to search for a certain reference and it will produce not just the details of the reference but what looks like a photocopy too of the original document, complete with coffee stains and any other accumulated scrawls." In effect, this means that hundreds of thousands of relevant documents, which traditionally could take up yards of

wall space, can now be kept on one small CD and summoned up as the push of a button. In terms of both storage and accessibility by the court, the benefits could be enormous. Purists, however, are likely to argue that compromising the

integrity of evidence in this way, a sinister precedent would be set. Some lawyers think events may already be moving too fast.

"Many people in business will destroy their hard copy so that information stored electronically will be all that we have," says a City litigator specialising in intellectual property work.

So although it may be a long time before such information, or the electronic images in the image database, will be admissible as evidence, lawyers in the end will probably have to accept the change. One lawyer says: "It is obviously the way we ought to be proceeding because the management of documents for large trials is going to be increasingly dependent on litigation support services."

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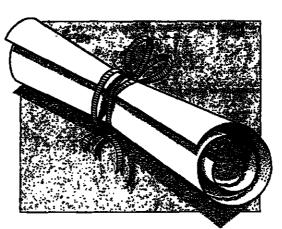
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6.15 BOXFORD MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O fillies: £3,002: 5f 34yd) (9 runners)

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1991: COFFEE ICE 8-11 Pat Eddery (6-1) R Hannon 8 ran

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6.45 BASINGSTOKE CLAIMING STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,924: 1m 4f 5yd) (7 runners)

BETTING: 11-8 Chief Of Staff, 4-1 Trumpet, 5-1 Mohena, 8-1 Kandy Secret, 10-1 Lyn's Return, Newton Point, 12-1 hear's Flutter.

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BETTING: 4-1 Do Run Run, 9-2 Sha's Plessed, 11-2 Risk Master, 6-1 Pure Formelity, 13-2 Alsserm, 7-1 Shat 10-1 Basilica, Waders Cream, 14-1 Merceco.

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7.15 GEORGE GOULET PINK CHAMPAGNE HANDICAP

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ALSAARM 211 6th of 15 to Polien Count in Kempton (im. good to soft) gracuation race SHATI 11/4 3rd of 5 to Valemont in Kempton (5), good) stakes race. PURE FORMALITY around 61 4th of 8 to Garan in

stakes race here (61, good). SNE'S PLEASED beet Bunty Boo 31th in 7-namer Newmarket (61, good to tim) makien in October. DO RUN RUN beet Zewaahy 31th in 12-numer Bath (1m.

42-2 CHIEF OF STAFF 24 (BF) (F Salman) P Cole 9-5 A Munro 9 9 640-51 TRUMPET 13 (D.F) (The Queen) Lord Huntingdon 9-5 M Roberts 83 0-55151 LYN'S RETURN 4 (D.F) (R Simpson) R Simpson 9-3 A Tucker (5) 84 580-04 NEWTON POINT 13 (A Ennever) G Pritchard-Gordon 9-3 R Cochrane 90 9-8 IVOR'S FLUTTER 12 (W Peny) D Eleventh 9-2 J Wrilliams 71 000-0 KANDY SECRET 15 (C Chiles) R Hennon 9-2 R Perham (3) 80 000-0 MCN4ANA 35 (Mats C Waters) J Dunlop 8-8 W Carson 85

SUI GENERIS (P Budd) C Cox 8-11 TARTOUKA (A Al-Midani) G Lewis 8-11

AMIRATI. (foeled May 11. cost \$425,000) half-sister by Danzig to Preakness Stakes winner Summer Squail. BOLANDERE (Mar 24) half-sister by Half-gate to 5f juvenile winner Regal Peace.

SROCKTON DANCER 18 7fh of 9 to Princess Oberon in Sandawn (51, good to firm) madden. CRIME OFTHECENTURY (Apr 23) sister by Pharly to 5f juvenile winner Cardinal Sin, and half-eister to 5f-8f winner Master Of Passion. MUSICAL PROS-

PECT (Apr 4) by Tank's Prospect, first foel of a 1mim 2! winner in France, NYMPH ERRANT (Jan 23,
25,000gns). By Be My Guest, first foel of a 7! juvenile
winner. SiMPLY SCOTY nk 2nd of 10 to Carranita
at Salisbury (Sf. good). SUI GENERIS (Apr 17,
IR2,000gns) hall-sister by Doubsh to 77-1m winner
One To Mark. TARTOUKA (May 2) by Vaigly Greet,
first living foel of a 1m 2! placed dem.
Selection: SIMPLY SOOTY

6.15 Amirati. 6.45 Chief Of Staff. 7.15 SHE'S PLEASED

Badawi has already beaten when only ninth on his sea-Safa on the same terms at Ripon this year before coming unstuck at York, while Sonus has not been seen since that promising win at Leicester last autumn.

Fair Average to relish easier task

The presence of Duc De Berry and Tetradonna will also help to ensure a lively market but the race looks tailor-made for Fair Average. Alsaarm is taken to defy top weight in the George Goulet

Pink Champagne Handicap.
A winner at York first time out last year, Alsaarm contin-ued to run well, notably when third behind Zinaad at Newbury and again behind Wolfhound at Doncaster.

Alsaarm disappointed

sonal reappearance at (3.30). Kempton, but that was in a very competitive graduation race won by the subsequent Sandown classic trial winner Pollen Count. Jeune and

the meantime. Since Kempton, Alsaarm has continued to please his trainer, John Dunlop, to the extent that he has not lost hope he will end up being better than just a handi-

Mizaaya, third and eleventh

respectively in the Kempton

race, have also done well in

capper. Yarmouth's first meeting of the season could well be the scene of another successful gamble by John Sutcliffe's Epsom stable with Jaldi

Having been backed down to 7-2 from 8-1 before winning at Chepstow eight days ago. Jaldi now looks capable of following up in the Potter Heigham Handicap.

Walsham Witch (1.30) and Spark (2.00) have already run well enough to suggest that they can win the two divisions of the Hopton Maiden Auction Stakes.

So Factual, an entry for the Middle Park Stakes and the Dewhurst Stakes, is taken to win the Westenhanger Median Auction Graduation Stakes at Folkestone on the strength of promising work at

7.45 KENNETH ROBERTSON HANDICAP (£3,262: 6f 8yd) (18 runners)

1	(10)	0-00041	AUGHFAD 4 (V.CD.F.G.S) (N. MacCerthy) T Casey 5-10-7 (7ex) J Reid •
2	(3)	515110	PHARAOH'S DANCER 12 (D.G.S) (J Devaney) E Wheeler 5-10-0. M Wigham
3	(15)	40/42-0	EVERGLADES 17 (Miss & Oppenheimer) R Charlton 4-9 12 R Cochrane
4	(1)	/000-00	THORNFIELD BOY 10 (D,F,G) (P Crene) R Holder 6-9-12 M Roberts
5	(16)	40050-0	FASCINATION WALTZ 12 (D.F) (F Havaccroft) D Shaw 5-9 10 A Clark
6	(18)	4000-43	GONE SAVAGE 11 (BF,F) (R Mesc) G Balting 499 J Williams
7	(11)	4-051D1	CEE-EN-CEE 10 (8,D,F.G,S) (D Humphreys) M McCourt 8-97
8	(17)	850184	'IRON KING 7 (D.F.G) (T Coleman) J Spearing 8-9-5
9	(2)	30-4251	HAWA LAYAAM 12 (V.F) (M A! Maktourn) A Scott 3-9-2 W R Swinburn
10	(5)	020203	LUNA BID 8 (CD,F,G,S) (M Blanshard) M Blanshard 9-8-2
11	(7)	040-001	HIGHLAND MAGIC 20 (G) (Miss N Cerroll) M Fetherston-Godley 490 D Harrison (S)
12	(14)	13006-6	DIVINE PET 27 (CD.F.G) (Mrs A Taylor) W Wightman 7-8-13 W Newness
13	(9)	184-000	DARUSSALAM 8 (D.F.G.S) (Foxley Seddlery & Countrywest) R Lee 58 12 Pat Eddlery
14	(13)	000-002	TEANARCO 11 (D.F.G.S) (B Symonds) R Holder 48-12 8 Drowne (7)
15	(12)	004005-	RAINBOW FLEET 309 (F) (R Brothers) D Marks 484
16	(4)	340-000	YATOO 10 (Mas A Stalder) R Hannon 383 D Biggs (7)
17	(6)	0-00300	CASH A MILLION 8 (B.D.G.) (Lord Carroll) P Cundel 47-13
18	(4)	00064-0	SUPREME OPTIMIST 136 (B,D,G,S) (A White) R Peacock 877 J Lowe

Long handicap: Supreme Optimist 6-8. BETTING: 9-2 Cee-En-Cee, 5-1 Pherach's Dancer, 5-1 Hawa Layaam, 8-1 Gone Savage, Highland Magic, Iron King, 10-1 Lune Bid, 12-1 Teanarco, 16-1 others

1991: NO COARESPONDING RACE RM FOCUS

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	good to firm) handscap CEE-EN-C	
dv (halk a hd at Kempton (6), good k	fam) he
CAD	with THORNFIELD BOY 10th.	- tay
	VA LAYAAM beet Dearts 71 in 4-run	ner Catte
	good to firm) maiden. LUNA BID to	
	to How's Yer Father in Chepstow	

firm) handicap with DARUSSALAM (2tb better off) SI 7th. HIGHLAND MAGIC beat Durnettor 21 in 15-runner Kempton (7f, good) handicap. TEANARCO a sh hd 2nd of 11 to My Ruby Ring in Safisbury (6f, firm) handicap with GONE SAVAGE (same terms) a firm) handicap with GOI sh hd 3rd. Selection: LUNA BID

8.15 HERMITAGE STAKES (£4,425: 1m 2f 6yd) (8 runners)

1	(6)	2/112-	DUC DE BERRY 234 (D.F.G) (Shaski Mohammed) G Harwood 4-9-	11 A Clark	84		
2	(2)	1523-06	FAIR AVERAGE 18 (F,S) (R Barnett) H Candy 4-9-11	W Newnes	89		
9	(1)		FLAMING ARROW 218 (D,F) (S Maktourn Al Maktourn) H Caci 49 7 W				
4	(7)	21-10	BADAWi 19 (F,G) (Shelkin Mohammed) J Gosden 492	A Cochrane	● 99		
5	(8)	12/20-2	SAFA 36 (BF,F) (Shaikh Ahmed Al Maktoum) A Scott 482	B Raymond	93		
В	(3)	06430-4	TETRADONNA 14 (Mrs S O'Brien) R Hannon 492	M Roberts	98		
7	(3)	1-1	DESERVE 50 (F,G) (Shelich Michemmed) H Cacil 38-12	S Causthan	80		
8	(4)	31-	SONUS 217 (F) (Shaikh Mohammed) J Gosden 3-88	W Carson	25		
BETTING: 3-1 Deserve, 7-2 Tetradoona, 5-1 Badaws, 11-2 Fair Average, 7-1 Safa, Sonus, 12-1 Flaming Arrow							
14-1 Duc De Berry.							
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1991: LIFEWATCH VISION 4-9-11 T Quinn (6-1) M Johnston 6 ran

FORM FOCUS

UC DE BERRY a dual winner last season, includ- ig beating SAFA (11th better off) ¾1 in Nortingham in 21, good to firm) gradustrion race, FAIR AVER- GE 11 ½1 6th of 10 to Selkirk in group II Juddmonte ockinge Stakes here (1m, good) BADAWI 14th of 5 to Band On The Run at York (1m, good to firm);	earier best SAFA (same terms) 31 at Pontefract (1m good to firm) TETRADONNA under 31 4th of 9 the Flashtoot in listed Festival Stakes at Goodwood (in 21, good to firm). DESERVE best Tewsfij %il a Notungham (1m, good). Selection: DESERVE

8.45 NETHERAVON HANDICAP (£3,132: 1m 5f 61yd) (10 runners)

,	(4)	113-	SHARIUJA (234 (BF,F,S) (Kingmisurage Business Centrs) K Basey 4-10-9 J Neki
2	(1)	001100-	BE A HONEY 243 (C,F,G) (A Leftwich) N Graham 410-0 W Carson 84
3	(8)	412-00	NIANI 21 (F) (Sheikh Mohammed) J Dunlop 4-9-11 S Cauthen 82
4	(4)	0/3-2021	SEA GODDESS 10 (F) (Lord Howard de Walden) W Jarvis 4-95 Pat Eddery 90
5	(10)	330600-	HIGH BEACON 220 (F,G) (K Bailey) K Bailey 5-94 R Cochrane 93
6	(6)	4/42	NASEEM ELBARR 24 (Shaikh Ahmed Al Maktoum) A Stewart 4-8 3 M Roberts @ 99
7	(3)	3560-3	ZUHAL 28 (H AHMaktoum) H Thomson Jones 47-12 R Hills 91
8	(5)	1223-06	INTRICACY 119 [R Berenson] C Elsey 47-12 J Lowe 83
9	m	300-020	PRINCE SOBUR 28 (S) (C Buttery) M Blanshard 6-7-10 N Cartisle 98
10	(9)	6055/0-0	CLASSIC STATEMENT 22 (Mrs E Hitchirs) R Lee 6-7-8 N Adams
BETT 16-1 o			m Elbarr, 11-4 Sea Goddesa. 5-1 Zuhal, 13-2 Prince Sobur. 10-1 Niani, 14-1 Be A Honey,

1991; CASTLE COURAGEOUS 4-9-0 J Reid (7-2) Lady Hemes 6 ran

FORM FOCUS

BE A HONEY won here last season when beating // runner Beverley (1m 4f, firm) maiden. ZUHAL 3I 3rd // rinner SEA GODDESS best I Perceive '41 in 13-runner Haydock (1m 6l, good to firm) handicap with PRINCE SOBUR (4th better off) 24d 8th SEASON FOR AND FOR THAT I MANUAL

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ners 31	Runners 87	Per cent 35 6	JOCKEYS S Cauthen	Winners 38	Rides 181	Per	
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TRAINERS

☐ Neville Callaghan's smart handicapper Freddie Lloyd graduated successfully to group three company at | relentless gallop and, although tiring Leopardstown yesterday when mak- in the final furlong, hung on to beat ing all under John Reid in the Cara | Maledeno by a length.

Ballyogan Stakes. The gelding, backed from 8-1 to 6-1, maintained a

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	30 Walsham Witch.
	00 Spark
	30 Allimac Nomis.
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4.00 Wild Fire.

THUNDERER 1.30 Swiftlet 2.00 Lady Reiko. 2.30 Top One. 3.00 Cachou.

RICHARD EVANS 4,00 KHRISMA (nap).

soft) maden. RISK MASTER around 1½1 3rd of 13 to Master Planner in Newmarket (8, good) handcag. WADERS DREAM around 71 6th of 13 to Windpower in Ponteiract (6, good to firm) handicag BASILICA 31 3rd of 12 to Peto in Ponteiract (1m 21, soft) maden on penultimate start. MOROCCO 7151 11th of 13 to Spice at Newmarket (6, good to firm) Selection: DO RUN RUN

3.30 Annabelle Royale. 4.00 Khrisma. 4.30 Rain Rider.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 3.00 Jato. GOING: GOOD TO FIRM DRAW: 6F 3YD-1M 3YD, HIGH NUMBERS BEST SIS

1 (6)		MIDARIDA (O Cowhem) R Williams 89	R Cochrane	_
2 (11)		FORMAL AFFAIR (R Cyzer) C Cyzer 87	M Roberts	
3 (3)		PICKUPADAULYSPORT (Roldvalo Litt) Miss G Kelleway 85	. Paul Eddary	_
4 (9)		PERSIAN TRAVELLER (J Clives) C Alien 8-3	_ G Forster (7)	_
5 (2)	002	SCENIC REEF 14 (Mrs C Rewson) J Eustace 8-2	J Cluinn	97
6 (10)		RED BALLET (D Cooper) Mrs N Macauley 8-1	D Biggs (3)	_
7 (1)	90	SWEET DISORDER 32 (C Morna) G Pritchard-Gordon 8 1	G Carter	9
8 (5)	0	OUR NIKKI 52 (J. Joseph) G Sturn 7-13		_
9 (4)	20	SWIFTLET 29 (BF) (R Pikington) M Bell 7-13	R H _i Us	9
10 (8)	6	GENERALLY 10 (Mrs & Mitchell) Per Mitchell 7-12	F Norton (3)	_
11 (7)	4	WALSHAM WITCH 8 (J Ellis) N Tompluns 7-12	P Robinson	9 95

2.00 HOPTON MAIDEN AUCTION GUARANTEED SWEEPSTAKES

	E2.072; 6f 3yd) (10 runners) HADEER'S DANCE (K Dosman R American 9 5 B Crossiev
1 (10)	
. 2 (7)	PERSIAN REVIVAL (M Sturgess) B McMahon 89 L Dettor:
3 (3)	00 MR NEVERMIND 28 (K Higson) G Lewis 8-8
4 (4) 5 (9)	BIQ GEM (M O Toole) M Chapman 83
5 (9)	GOLDEN KLAIR (C Hat) C Hat 80. T Williams
6 (Z)	3 SPARK 8 (C C Elsey) C W C Elsey 7-13
6 (Z) 7 (6) (026 FIVE CLUBS 17 (Mrs W Coloman) D Thom 7-12. F Norton (3) • 95
8 (1)	03 LADY RELKO 11 (W Packhami R Voorspuy 7-12 S Dawson 94
8 (5)	@ MENA 11 (Mass A Basloy) J Payno 7 12
10 (8)	00 SECRET TALE 32 (M Blum) G Blum 7-12
BETTING: 1385	Spark, 7-2 Mens, 5-1 Mr Nevermind, 8-1 Lady Rollo. 10-1 Hadeer's Dance, 12-1 others 1991: NO CORRESPONDING DIVISION

C-DU TOLHOUSE SELLING HANDICAP (£2,676: 1m 3yd) (20 i	unners)	
1 (1) 982-556 MODEST HOPE 18 (BF) (J McManamon) G Eden 5-9-10	F Norton (3)	9
2 (14) 1555-00 FOREIGN ASSIGNMENT 25J (B.O.F) (A Allight) J Write 4-9-9	M Roberts	8
3 (10) 0/20-000 TOP ONE 27 (F) (C HM) C HM 7.98	J Weaver (5)	8
4 (3) 160-020 CHINA SKY 10 (CD,F) (C Allen) C Allen 4-9-7	G Forster (7)	8
5 (2) 4300-0 RED INK 7 (Mrs S Powell) J Suickite 395	NON-RUNNER	_
6 (13) 650 SIZZLING THOUGHTS 11 (N Bestack) G Lems 395	Paul Eddary	
7 (18) 50-4045 BERNIE SILVERS 17 (Black Degrand Recing Pic) M Chapman	394 S Webster	8
8 (16) 253230- KATE ROYALE 239 (Mrs M Gray) G Bravery 3 9 4	C Hodoson (5)	8
9 (11) 00060-6 BANANA GUFFLINKS 6 (H Howels M Tomplets 69-1	P Robinson	e 9
18 (12) 42000-5 HARLEQUIN GIRL 18 (M Wakeley) K mary 4-9-1	R Cochrane	8
11 (9) 406/5/0- CLEVER CLAUDE &J (G Walling) K Bridgester 6-8 13	8 Doyle (5)	_
17 (4) 030-000 JOLIZAL 10 (V.D.G) 1488 P Lumi) D Movis 4-8-12 S	Jephon Davies (7)	-
13 (20) 0050-0 SLANDERINTHESTRAND 29 (A Hopson) M Hayres 3-5 12	B Rouse	_
	N Gwillams (5)	_
15 (5) 40-0005 CROWN RESERVE 26 (F Cosprove) N. Ryan 48 11.	D Buggs (3)	9
16 (17) 006681 ALLIMAG NOMIS 5 (0.F) (Mrs. J. Cataghan) N Callaghan 3 8 10		g
17 (4) 00-5306 MISS MAGENTA 10 (R Thompson) R Thompson 4 6 9	C Hawksley (7)	8
18 (15: 0/0000-0 KELLY'S KITE 17 (M Collempadge) M Collegestge 4-5-9	Quan	
18 (II) 00-506 RICH PICKINGS \$ IR Cyzer; C Cyzer 3 8 8	Dean McKeown	8
20 17) 00-0630 GOLDEN BEAU 5 (CD.F.G.S) :P Litter;) A Haman 10-8-6	K Fallon	B
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1991. JAMESTOWN BOY 8-10 G Dulbeld (11-2) M Prescott 20 ran

3.00 JOHN HOLDRICH MAIDEN GUARANTEED SWEEPSTAKES

		072: 7f 3yd) (7 runners)		
1	(2)	0 FLASH OF STRAW 42 (N Topicha) G Lewis 9-0	R Barry	_
	(3)	404 JATO 17 (B) (Atrs M Southcott) W Hagges 9-0	. J Quinn	9
3	(4)	4- ROBINGO 259 (Capt M Lemes) C Enttain 9-0	. M Roberts	-
4	(1)	0 WHITEHALL 53 (J Milchell) C Nelson 90	F Norton	-
	(7)	33 CACHOU 10 (K Abdulla) J Gosden 8-9	Paul Eddery	● 8
	(6)	LAURA (Mrs H Jones) H Thomson Jones 69	R HMs	
	(5)	00- LITTLE PARK 216 (J Mems) S Pritchard-Gordon 8-9	_ D Biggs (3)	-

BETTING: 11-4 Cachou, 3-1 Robinco, 9-2 Laura, 5-1 Jato, 8-1 Flash Of Straw, 10-1 Whitehall, 1991: KATY ANN BEE 8-9 G Carter (5-2) M Ryan 8 ran

3.30 POTTER HEIGHAM HANDICAP (\$3,028: 7f 3yd) (11 runners)

			CRYSTAL HEIGHTS 318 (D,G) W O'Gorman 4-10-0 Emma O'Gorman (5)	ŧ
			ANNABELLE ROYALE 48 (CD.F.G) P Saurcars) Mrs N Macauley 6-10-0 L Dettori	6
			DOMICKSKY 3 (D.F.G.S) (Enterprise Markets Ltd) M. Ryan 499 D Biggs (3)	•
			GABBIADINI 12 (D,F) (Star Products Ltd) M Tompkins 5-9-7 P Robinson	9
5	(2)	1200-00	ELTON LEDGER 24 (G) (A Scott) A Scott 3-8-12	1
6	(9)	000-001	JALDI 8 (B.D.F) 'A Firmey, J Satsi te 4-8-5 (Tex)	5
			SUGEMAR 10 (C.F) (3 McEiney) J. Color 68-5 M Roberts	5
			SUSANNA'S SECRET 42 (D.F) : Mass of Kata; i) W Center 5-7-13 N Gwitterns (5)	8
9	(3)	400-000	MU-ARRIK 18 (8): 14's A Speyer: O Wilson 47:12 F Norton (8)	ŧ
			KAWWAS 12 (CD,BF,F) (Witting Ltd) W Holder 7-7-7 T Williams	5
11	(8)	024250-	SEASIDE MINSTREL 251 (F) 10 HZ) 0 HZ 4-7-7 A Mackey	9

Long handicap: Kawwas 7-6, Scaside Minstrei 7-6 BETTING: 3-1 Sugemar, 9-2 Jakh, 5-1 Kawwas, 6-1 Domicksky 8-1 Gabbiadirii, Sitch Ledger, 10-1 Grystal 1991: ANNABELLE ROYALE 5-3-6 L Dettern (7-2) Vrs N Macadley 8 ran

4.00 CHARTER HANDICAP (3-Y-O: \$3,238, 1m 2f 21yd) (13 runners)

- 1	(13)	342-6	MAGADEER 22 'S Khaled' L'Outlies 37		W Carson	
2	(11)	130-300	MAJAL 24 (F) 'Crork Facing L'S, B Hartour, 97.	. 1	R Cochrane	
3	127	521-54	WILD FIRE 39 (F) (St. P Oppennemer) G Wragg 9-2		M Roberts	
- 4	(3)		SOCKS AND SHARES 10 (Flat Brokers) P Harris 9-0		G Hand	
5	(9)		KHRISMA 8 (D) (Lord Howard on Warden) Was J Good 8-13		Paul Eddery	
6	(4)		VIVA DARLING 25 (A Maries) B Mallerine 8 12		L Detton	
7	{12)		WASEELA 18 (Steat Armed A: Malcourt) A Socii 6-11		B Raymond	-
В	(0)		STINGER 10 (J. Michel) C Neson 8-10		F Norton (3)	
9	(5)		MINDOMICA 25 (G) (3 Fate net 4 Set 83		A Hills	
10			BUZZAROS BELLBUOY 24 N Garaner H Goz agricae 8-6		J Quino	
11	(8)		KEUMUTU 11 St P Copernamer: C #2" 6".		A McGlone	•
12	(10)		IDEAL CANDIDATE 4 R Cyzeri C Cyzer 8-0	•	. G Carter	
	(6)		ROCA MURADA 29 (T Carpy) M Ryan 7 12		D Biggs (3)	

BETTUNG: 41 Khrisma, 92 Wassela, 61 Wild Fire Soci And States, 8-1 Magadeer, Majal, 10-1 Viva Darling. 1991: BUSHY TAILED 93 G Cener (8-1) G Wragg 9 ran

3-Y-(): E	2,072: 1m 6f 17yd) (4 runners)	- NES
2 3 4	(2) (3) (4)	562-043 ALCOY 17 IP Retensity Piceless; 90 0-2 RAIN RIDER 43 Mrs E Dyder White (100-100-90 03 ROBENIO 21 (Downger Lady Bestveropo) (100-115-19-0 0 TEMPLE KNIGHT 33 S Wingferd Dygn) (2 Cycer 90 11-10 Rain Rider, 31 Roberish, 12 Albo), 61 Temple Knight	P Roomson W Carson M Roberts • Dean McKeown

1991: SQUART OUT 3-9 : Pragett (4-6 fax, M Stoute 5 ran

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS W Haggas J Gosden C Allen W Holden N Callaghan C Witson	Amners 10 9 5	Russers. 44 45 36 40 40 25	Per cer.	JOCKEYS L Deffor M Raperts A Matione Dean Varietem R Contrarie S Contrarie	Armers 18 29 6 2 14 22	Ruses 93 960 36 26 105 169	Per cent 19 4 16 1 15 8 15 4 13 3 13 D
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Rain prompts Derby plunge on Assessor

HEAVY rain fell at Epsom yesterday and the bookmakers were deluged by money for Assessor to win tomor-

row's Ever Ready Derby. Ladbrokes cut the Richard Hannon-trained colt from 12-1 to 7-1, at which price he shares favouritism with Rodrigo De Triano, Great

Palm and Alnasr Alwasheek. Corals, too, had plenty of enquiries and also offer 7-1. They, however, keep Rodrigo De Triano clear favourite at

> A quarter of an inch of rain fell at Epsom yesterday morning, turning the going to good to soft. "The forecast is for drier weather over the next two days but still with the threat of showers," Michael Webster, the clerk of the course, said.

"The track does dry quickly but, given that further showers are forecast, it is difficult to predict what the going will be on Wednesday."

With question marks against the stamina of so many of the runners, little wonder that backers have fastened on to the proven staying power of Assessor.

He won the Lingfield Derby Trial last month in a monsoon, stretching away power-fully on the softer ground in the straight after struggling to keep tabs on the leaders early on. Walter Swinburn, on board that day, keeps the ride at Epsom as he seeks a third triumph after Shergar and Shahrastani.

Hannon: Derby chance improved by rain

third Derby runner following the 2,000 Guineas winner Mon Fils, who finished eighteenth, and Gran Alba. sixth to Nashwan three years ago.

There was also solid sup-port for Shaikh Moham-med's Pollen Count, trained by John Gosden. Ladbrokes offer 16-1 (from 25-1) with the "non-runner, no bet"

Pollen Count still has an alternative engagement in the French Derby at Chantil-ly on Sunday, but the recent rain might well tempt connections to go to Epsom. A spokeswoman for the shaikh's Darley Stud Management said yesterday: "A decision is likely to be made tonight and a statement

Whereas Pollen Count would benefit from soft nd Shahrastani. ground, the same might not be said of his stable compan-

made tomorrow morning."

ion Muhtarram. His four runs have been on either good

or good to firm ground. St Jovite, attempting to be come the first Irish winner since Secreto eight years ago, was cut from 20-1 to 16-1. His dour victory at Leopardstown last time was stamped with stamina rather than speed, and any further softening of the ground is

likely to be in his favour. Ladbrokes bet: 7-1 Rodrigo De Triano, Great Palm, Alnasr Alwasheek, Assessor, 8-1 Muhtarram, 10-1 Rainbow Corner, Dr Devious, 12-1 Silver Wisp, Twist And Turn, 16-1 Pollen Count, 33-1 others.

The rain also stirred the Oaks market as interest grew in User Friendly, the Clive Brittain-trained winner of the Lingfield Oaks Trial on the same day Assessor took the colts' trial.

Ladbrokes have trimmed her to 6-1 from 8-1, keeping All At Sea, the Musidora Stakes winner, as the evenmoney favourite. Perfect Circle, second at York, is 3-1 with the French-trained Trishyde introduced at 12-1.

Oumaldaaya, winner of the Lupe Stakes at Goodwood. has been the market drifter. slipping out from 8-1 just a few days ago to 14-1.

The nine five-day acceptors for Saturday's race are: All At Sea, Fawaayid, Oumaldaaya, Pearl Angel, Perfect Circle, Saratoga Source, Shining Bright, Trishyde and User

Classic double bid, page 32

3.15 WESTENHANGER MEDIAN AUCTION GRADUATION STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,343: 6f) (11)

1 441 BOURBON JACK 14 (D.F.) J Payne 94 A Munro 9
CAPTAIN LE SAUX M Bell 8-11 M Hills 11
3 00 CASHABLE 17 J Jenhins 8-11 SWhitworth 1
FRIENDLY BRAVE W Carler 8-11 N Adams 8
6 0533 LOCHORE 14 R Ingram 8-11 S AMAC TOMB K Curumpham-Brown 8-11 G Duffield 10
7 MAC TOMB K Curumpham-Brown 8-11 W Woods 7
9 6 SKULLCAP 10 D Morley 8-11 M Tebbutt 6
10 SO FACTUAL G Harwood 6-11 Pat Eddery 2
11 ASCOM PAGEN TOO P Howling 8-6 7.1 Captain

11-10 So Factual, 4-1 Skullcap, 5-7 Bourbon Jack, 7-1 Captain Le Saux, 10-1 Lochore, 14-1 others

3.45 HORNBY SPRINT HANDICAP

FOLKESTONE

1.45 Lyphaniastic. 2.15 Thewaari. 2.45 Emaura 3.15 So Factual. 3.45 Spring High. 4.15 Touching

1.45 Afore Jane. 2.15 Thewaari. 2.45 Domiana. 3.15 So Factual, 3.45 Lady's Mantle, 4.15 Incola. Richard Evans: 4.15 Bold Resolution.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM DRAW: 5F-6F, LOW NUMBERS BEST

.	1.40 BURLINGTON HOTEL MAIDEN
	GUARANTEED SWEEPSTAKES
	(3-Y-O: £1,932: 1m 1f 149yd) (8 runners)
	1 D AFTER THE FIRE 38 A Lee 9-0 J Faming (
	2 00 BAHER 49 N Callaghan 9-0 Pat Edde
	3 DESERT PEACE P'Cole 9-0 T Quit
	4 LYPHANTASTIC M Sloute 9-0
1	5 RIVER HAWK R Johnson Houghton 9-0 J Ra
	6 0-0 WEEHEBY 8 A Scott 9-0 W R Swinbur
1	7 O AFORE JANE 24 G Harwood 8-9 A Cla
	8 00 ROYAL GLINT 28 (B) I Balding 8-9 M Hi
	5-2 Lyphantasic, 7-2 Weeheby, 9-2 Desert Peace, 6-1 Bal
	7-1 Alore Jane, 8-1 River Hawk, 12-1 others

2.15 KEITH SHIPTON MEMORIAL

HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £2,385: 6f 189yd) (12)
1 -020 SIR OLIVER 14 R Hodges 9-7 T Sprake (3) 3
2 -005 GREY CHARMER 22 (F) C James 9 1. S Whitworth 2
3 3-80 MABONNE 36 (BF) J Dunlop 8-12 Pat Eddery 7
4 00-0 BEAR WITH ME 43 M Bell 8-11 M HIRS 10
5 Q-03 THEWAARI 6 A Scott 8-6 WR Swinburn 5
6 -036 COURT MINSTREL 22 L Holt 8-5 J Reid 4
7 -536 COUNTERCHECK 15 (BF) C Wall B2 N Day 11
8 00-0 FRANKUS 20 S Mellor 8-1 Dana Mellor 1
9 00-0 BO KNOWS BEST 10 J Sutclette 7-11 Date Gibson 6
10 006 DAY OF HISTORY 17 C Cyze: 7-10 _ N Cartisle 12
11 000 MASTAMIST 12 (B) R Voorspuy 7-7 . N Adems 8
12 -000 ROYAL CIRCUS 11 (B) P Hairs 7.7 G Bardwell 9
7-2 Thewass, 9-2 Beer With Me, 5-1 Grey Charmer, 6-1 Ma-
home 7.1 Court Marchael 9.1 Counterchael 10.1 others

ETT V SELLINDUE SELLING STAKES
(£2,284: 6f) (10)
1 -000 DICKENS LANE 8 (D.F) R Hodges 5-96 T Sprake (3 2 0-00 IDIR LINN 20 D Murray Smith 4-96 C Ruttle 3 0054 LIFFEY RIVER 7 (C.G) Mrs L Progott 4-96 L Progot 4 0-46 STELBY 12 (D.F) O Bremain 8-96 S D Williams (7) 5 -400 YEOMAN BOUND 22 (B) K Nory 4-96 G Bardwei
6 -000 BELJINSKI 10 8 McMatin 49-1 A Ctarl 7 -560 DOMIANA 25 M Blanshard 49-1 J Rei 8 0000 FAY EDEN 8 (D,G) R Hodges 4-8-1 T McLaughlen (7
9 0-05 EMAURA 12 D Eisworth 3-8-6 J William 10 -500 FRENI 5 (B) M Usher 3-8-6 R Stree
94 Liffey River, 11.4 Dickens Lane, 9-2 Emaura, 5-1 Statby, 8-1 F Eden, 10-1 Domana, 12-1 others

LPggott 1 12 0-00 MRAMEDE 8 R Hodges 48 12. T Sprake (3) 11 13 3160 GALAXY EXPRESS 17 (D) G Eden 48 12 P Turner (7) 3 14 00-0 PINE GLEN PEPPER 10 J Aliehurst 486 . A Tucker (5) 9 7-2 Lady's Mantie, 9-2 Savalaro, 5-1 Catalani, 7-1 Spring High, 8-1 Hotloof Hismah, Galaxy Express, 10-1 others

4.15 CROWN INN (RYE) HANDICAP (£2,284: 1m 4f) (11) 1 -113 PROSEQUENDO 7 (D.G) M Doon 5-10-0

2 000- CATHOS 185J (D.F.G.S) D Wilson 7-9-5 M Tebbutt 10 3 000- EXCELSIS 25J (D.F.J. Jankons 6-9-2. S Wintoworth 9 4 6162 BOLD RESOLUTION 7 (CD.G) C Cyzer 4-5-1 55000/ TOUCHING STAR 18J (B.F.G) P Hobbs 7.9.1 J Williams 6 J Williams 6
5 340- SNOW BLIZZARD 216 (C.F) S Dow 4-8-10 L Piggott 6
7 2-60 INCOLA 25 (CD.BF,F.G) H Candy 6-8-5. C Flutter 4
8 00-0 HEAVENLY WATERS 15 R Johnson Houghlon 3-8-3

9 0-00 MAMALAMA 7 L Holt 4-9-2 N Adams 2 10 0/0- POPPY CHARM 43J (F) R Curbs 5-7-7 G Bardwell 3 11 00-0 Singing Detective 8J R Curbs 5-7-7 (September 27-5) J Fanning (3) 5 2-1 Bold Resolution, 3-1 Prosequendo, 4-1 Incola, 6-1 Snow Blizzard, 8-1 Excelsis, 12-1 others

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: G Harwood, 21 winners from 54 runners, 38.9%; N Callaghan, 9 from 36, 25 0%; M Stoute, 6 from 26, 23 %; JAlehurst, 3 from 13, 23 %; Ms L Paggott, 11 from 51, 21.6%; P Cole, 11 from 55, 20 0%. JOCKEYS: Pat Eddery, 25 winners from 116 ndes, 25,0%; L Piggott, 4 from 17, 23 5%, R Perham, 3 from 14, 21 4%, W R Swinburn, 8 from 42, 19 0%, M Hills, 8 from 50, 18 0%, N Day, 4 from 27, 14 8%

RESULTS FROM YESTERDAY'S TWO MEETINGS

Leicester

Going: good to soft (with soft patches) Going: good to soft (with soft patches)
2.00 (1m 8yd) 1. NORMAN WARRIOR M
Tebburit, 12-1): 2. Garnon Degree (M
Roberts, 8-1), 3. Lond Leitnim (W Carson,
7-1) ALSO RAN 2 fav Up The Punjab, 7
Nominee Prince, Shalayri, 9 Super Plyer,
10 Arjal (5th), 11 Agwa, 15 Fine As
Fivepence (5th), 20 Hataal, 33 Albany
Spark, Cheren Boy, Donald Stuart, Sea
Lord, Angel's Wing, Bassetisw Belle, Nun
The Wisser, Tender Look, Medbourne
(4th) 20 ran, 3, 34, 37, 41, D Morrs at
Newmarket Tote, £72.70, £22.70, £2.80,
£3.00 CSF, £108.94 DF (winner or
second with any other) £2.80 Bought in
4.200gns

2.30 (1m 8yd) 1, ELIZABETHAN AIR (J. Cuern. 8-1); 2, Banmatina (N Day, 33-1); 3. Deevee (T Williams, 8-1); 3. Toes The Dace (A Munro, 5-1) ALSO RAN 9-2 faz Tatutean. 8 Giturnat. 8 Systematic, 8 Karamoja (5th) 10 Bold Selho, 12 Sasparella, Sure To Win, Eastleyfic (6th), 14 Aragona, 16 Domanant Saranade, 16 Hob Green. 20 Dand, Deave, 33 Smografinage 17 ran. Nit. 2'rsl, sh hd. nit. 44 A Lee Tota E16 10, E3 80, E7 30, E2 90, 21 40 DF £530.80 CSF. £244 38 Tricest 52 Q44 95

1 S2 042 95
2 3.00 (Em. 3f 183yd) 1, MOONLIGHT
2 OUEST (L Detton, 5-1), 2, Shadow Bird
1 (D Harrison, 7-1), 3, Good For A Loan (8)
Raymond, 11-2; ALSC RAN, 4 fav Rising
1 Tempo (5th), 6 Rate Detail, Thomas Leng,
10 Campan Beluga (4th), 12 Kentucky
Starlet, 16 Perfect, Light, 20 Birgsmand,
33 Watking Sant (6th), 50 Muzo, 12 ran,
11-1, 31, hd, nk, 21 B. Hanbury at Newmarket Tote 55-50, £1 40, £2 50, £2 40,
DF £47-80 CSF, £38-89 Tricast £166-73,
2 30 £2 -6.11 MALASSIN RICEROS 1. 13-16 CSR-1238 69 TINGST 1180 / 3.

3.30 (71 9yd) 1. MAHASIN (W Carson, 1-14 fav) 2. Missay-8 (G Carter, 33-1); 3.

Sharp Dance (W Newmer, 100-1) ALSO RAN 10 Wishing Wed (5th), 25 Spot The Dave (6th), 50 Silvy Siren (4th), 100 Senton Cove 7 ran 6), 11/1 41, 11/1, 151 J. Cuntop at Arundel Tote £1 10 £1 20, 23 00 DF £2.10 CSF £5 54

4.00 (5/218yd) 1. YEE GEE JAY (J Qumm, 94 (sw. Mendarin's nap), 2. Costa Verde (G Hard, 141), 3. Fleur Power (W Hyan, 32-1; ALSO PAN, 5-2 Break My Heart (Hin; 9-2 Calcar (55h), 10 Ombro Darme, 7rus Story (5th) 16 Kiss in The Dark, 20 Crab ** 1.25ster, 33 Atherton Green, Secret Formula, Heavenly Body, in The Az : 4 ran AR, Nut Bush, Hat Dencer VI, 21, 21, 15-1 for C Williams at Newmarket, Tote 53 for 0 52 00, 52 10, 54 00 DF; \$15.20 CSF \$31.91 After a stewards engury, result stood engury, result stood
4.33 (1m 1f 218ye) 1, I'M ELECTRIC (N
Day, B-1), 2, High Sevannah (K Rutter,
14-1), 3 Joh's Great (D Biggs, 7-2 fav), 4,
Mizyan (L Newton, 12-1), ALSO RAN-7
Cool Society, 15-2 Frendlypersuasion, 8
Super Marring, Forgettul (6th), 9 Scanic
Dancer, 9 Littledale, 14 Callipol, 16
Sharquin, Sanchicon Denim (5th), 20
Make Me Proud, 25 Melodic Habit, 33

Kinoko, Fair Dave, Devid's Own. 18 ran. NR: Le Reine Rouge. 4, 11, 11/21, nk. 41. R Curitis at Epsom. Tote. £11.30; £2.40. £4.50, £1.70, £5.40. DF (winner or second with any other): £2.60 CSF: £123.91 Tricast. £441.25. Placepot: £525.00.

Redcar Soing: good to firm

Going: good to Imm
2.15 (5f) 1. TREVORSNINEPOINTS (G
Duffield, 7-2), 2. Field Of Vision (Dean
McKeown, 14-1), 2. Fantan (K Darley, 41) ALSO RAN, 3 fav Private Laner, 4 Bella
Bambota (4th), 7 Shansa (5th), 10
Sunshine in Ramsey (6th), 12 Lettermore,
40 Archipellago Girl 9 ran Off Hd. 11-51,
1-51, 34, 11-51 N Tarkter at Mathon Tote:
53 00, 51 10, 52 90, 51 70, DF 55 20
CSF 147 44 No bd.

CSF 147 44 No bid.

2.45 (1m 3) 1. GLIDE PATH (M Hits. 5-1).

2. Batabanoo (K Darley. 11-4 tav). 3.

Boring (S Webster. 9-2) ALSO RAN-9-2.

Stapleton (4th). 6 Teslems. 10 Leonadis Polk. 12 Sir Norman Hot. (5th). 16 Salu (6th) 8 ran 19-1, 29-1, Ind. 71. sh. J Hills at Lambourn Totle £5.20. £1.70. £1.50. £1.50. DF £19.30 CSF £18.41 Tricast £5.99.

139 99.
3.15 (1m 1f) 1. GILDERDALE (M Hills. 9-2), 2. Tell No Lies (M Brich. 8-11. 3. Mashakel (W R Swinburn. B-1). ALSO RAN. 15-8 lav Tarda (4th). 9-2 Bescarby Boy (6th). 10 Manufile. 25 Tancred Grange. 25 Richmond (5th) 8 ran 11/9. 34, 34, 44, 39 J Hills at Lambourn Tote 470 C1 10. C3.10. S1 40 DF 523 60 CSF C34 07. Treast 5233.55

CSF C34 07. Tricast: 2233.56
3.45 (7f) 1. RINGLAND (K Darley, 2-1 pt-lay), 2, Finjan (J Weaver, 2-1 pt-lay), 3, MCA Below The Line (D Necholis, 8-1)
ALSO RAN. 12 Sammy Slew (4th), 14
Mbulwa, 16 Laurel Oueen 25 Rasco.
Ballad Dancer (5th), Chantry Bellini (6th), 33 Dame Helene, 50 Moona 100 12 ran
Sh Ind, 31, 11, 14), 81 P. Haslam at
Middleham. Tote C3.50, 51 70, 51 50, 51 60 DF 54.00 CSF 55 85
4.15 (6th 1 INVIGILIATE (L Weaver, 11-4)

Middleham. 1016 L350. 1710. 1713. E1 60 P E 4.00 CSF 52 85
4.15 (61) 1, INVIGILATE (J Weaver, 11-4 lav), 2, Coolaba Prince (N Nervedy, 8-1), 3, Laglish (J Love, 33-1) ALSO RAN 7-2 Queen's Tickle, 5 Hemsworth Lad, 6 Great Lord, Mustc Dancer (5th), 14 Manufeader (6th), 25 Capital Idea (4th) 9 ran NR Miss Move World Nk, 2, nk, 151, lay M Naughton at Richmond Tole 14 00; E1 20 E1 70, 53-30 DF £14-90 CSF £23-47 Tincast £544-58 After a stewards enqury, result stood
4.45 (1m 61 19yd) 1, BEST GUN (J Carroll, 20-1); 2, Cantamia (Pat Eddery, 1-3 lav), 3, Sakbah (W R Swirbum, 5-2) ALSO RAN 68 Blushing Gold (4th) 4 ran 151, 25, and C W Elsey at Marion Tote £9-40. DF £4-20 CSF £27-52 Alter a stewards enqury, result stood 5.15 (7th) 1, ETERNAL FLAME (M Hills, 100-30), 2, Miss Brightside (C Hawksley, 33-1), 3, Creselly (M Birch, 12-1), ALSO RAN 3 lav Ustka (5th), 8 Debay Do, 10 Thre-na-Helsh, Granny Mc, 11 Lust Of Love, 12 Claudia Mass (4th), 20 Penny

Orchid, 25 Fiction, Jellynol Blues, 33 Royal Girl (disqualified), 100 Grey Realm, Ten High 15 ran. 191, 21, 11, 141, 3191 J Hills at Lambourn Toler 64 00, 52 10, 512 40, 54 00, DF 589 00 CSF: 591 96 Tincest, 51,086 64 Royal Girl finished second but after a stewards' enqury was disqualified.

☐ Peter Chapple-Hyam has been awarded the Taittinger order of merit for May following Rodrigo De Triano's victories in the English and Irish 2,000 Guineas.

☐ Elizabethan Air, trained at Newmarket by Adrian Lee, landed a gamble from 14-1 to 8-I when beating Elanmatina by a neck in the Rothmans Royals North South Challenge Handicap at Leicester yesterday.

☐ Jockey Steve Dawson misses the second day of Epsom's Derby meeting to ride for Jersey's leading trainer Paul Green at the French provincial meeting at Nantes.

Blinkered first time

NEWBURY: 7 45 Cash A Million YAR-MOUTH: 230 Foreign Assignment 3 00 Jato FOLKESTONE: 1 45 Royal Gint 2 15 Masiamist 2 45 Freni.



Chance for Eddery to join an elite classic band



world, The Guinness Book of Records would be facing a fate worse than

Canary Wharf.
The last couple of years have been littered with milestones passed by the ninetimes champion jockey as he continues to finish a distance ahead of his rivals.

In 1990 he recorded the quickest century of victories since Sir Gordon Richards before going on to pass the magical 200 figure for the

Last July he achieved the fastest 3.000 winners in British turf history Earlier this month he moved into fourth place on the all-time list of winning jockeys, behind Sir Gordon and weighing-room contemporaries, Lester Piggott and Villie Carson.

This week, as he dons the familiar green and pink silks of Khaled Abdulla for both the Derby and the Oaks, the gentle man with a will of iron will be hoping to join another elite band

In recent times, only four jockeys have notched up a classic double at Epsom: Geoff Lewis in 1971 with Mill Reef and Altesse Royale: Greville Starkey in 1978 on Shirley Heights and Fair Salinia: Willie Carson two years later on Henbit and

With plum rides in the Derby and Oaks, Pat Eddery could reach another

career landmark at Epsom this week.

Richard Evans reports

Bireme, and Steve Cauthen in 1985 on Slip Anchor and Oh So Sharp.

Eddery, with three wins in the Derby and two in the Oaks, probably has his best chance of joining the quartet with Rainbow Corner in the premier classic and the unbeaten All At Sea in the the

Like most sportsmen, records were far from his

mind yesterday afternoon in the Redcar weighing room as he looked ahead to the highlight of the Flat racing

"I hadn't thought about it until you mentioned it. It would be a marvellous achievement, but I would be delighted just to get one of the big races in the bag."

Eddery may be a sporting superstar — probably with

the highest salary - yet he is essentially a private man. Modest, but helpful: thoughtful, but rarely outspoken.

And yet it was his remarks after Rainbow Corner was narrowly beaten in the French 2.000 Guineas which prompted the colt's temporary removal from the Derby betting.
"Rainbow Corner won't

nay" screamed the headlines, in spite of a desperate attempt by Abdulla's minders to say otherwise.

Eddery explained: "After the French 2.000 Guineas I spoke to the press. Asked if Rainbow Corner would stay. I said 'I'd like to think he'd

wouldn't be certain.' When I thought about it and watched the race again, he looked as thought he was staying on. He is by Rainbow Quest and the owner is very keen to run the horse."

In a Derby clouded by doubt. Eddery is still not entirely confident. "I am sure he will get a mile and a quarter. If he gets a mile and a half, he will take all the beating. He has good form in group one races (second to Arazi in the Grand Criterium).

Eddery has not ridden Rainbow Corner since the near miss at Longchamp three weeks ago, yet the conChantilly is unmistakable, "I spoke to the trainer yesterday Typetich Cold Ra

England

test the d and he said he was in marvellous form and he is very pleased with him." Dangers abound and Edd-ery believes Assessor could be

the most significant if the

rain continues to fall. Should Rainbow Corner prevail, the second leg of the classic double would appear to be more straightforward. "I think All At Sea is a good filly. Obviously the Oaks is group one, but she is very nice to ride and so relaxed. I am very hopeful."

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CRICKET

Jackson struggles at athletics meeting

Christie gets early revenge against his American rival

FROM DAVID POWELL ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT, IN BRATISLAVA

LINFORD Christie last night reversed his defeat by Dennis Mitchell in last year's world championship 100 metres final when he scored an impressive victory in the IAAF invitation meeting here. Christie ran his fastest time of the year, 10.17sec, into a

Mitchell took the bronze medal behind Carl Lewis and Leroy Burrell in Tokyo in the greatest 100 metres race in history. Christie ran a European record 9.92sec yet finished fourth, while Mitchell clocked 9.91. Mitchell has not been impressive this season but Christie has, winning all four of his 100-metre

Colin Jackson, the Commonwealth and European 110 metres hurdles champion, ran a disappointing race, suffering an unexpected de-feat against Arthur Blake, of the United States. Jackson, who was injured during warm-up for the world championships, was looking to boost his Olympic season with a victory but was out of

Blake did not even make his national team for Tokyo and will need to run much faster than the 13.39sec he recorded here if he is to break into the US Olympic team. But it was good enough to leave Jackson trailing last

the seventh hurdle and said that he was unhappy, too, with the early part of his race. "I was so-so over the first hurdle and made more mistakes in the first half, so it is hardly surprising I did not win." Jackson said. "Fortunately, it was not the Olympic final." His 13.45sec was

identical to his winning performance in the Welsh championships two weeks ago and much slower than the 13.21 he ran in Jena, Germany, last Thursday. year, Retchakan's progress at 400 metres hurdles was over shad-

owed by the brilliance of Sally Gunnell. But, while Gunnell took the silver medal in Tokyo. Retchakan's world championship semi-final run of 54.88sec promoted her to No. 10 in the world by the end of the year. Until last night, her season

had begun with promise, a 56.18sec in Corby last week hoisting her among the top 10 for the year. However, she clattered the seventh hurdle here, crashing to the floor, though she picked herself up to finish last in 63.00sec. Linetta Wilson, of the United States, surprised the Russian, Anna Chuprina, on the line to win in 56.58. Chuprina raised her arm prematurely to celebrate victory and it cost her the race.

Marie-José Pérec, of night. Marie-José Pérec, of The Welshman clattered France, blossomed into the

outstanding 400 metres runner in the world last year, dominating a season in which she was unbeaten, and crowning it in Tokyo.

But a new challenger is beginning to emerge in Char-Opara, aged 20, from Nigeria. Opara set an African record here with 49.86sec, quicker than Pérec has run this year and a one-second improvement on her best

Unlike Katrin Krabbe and Grit Breuer, Silke Möller has been racing while the prospect of a four-year ban hangs

The IAAF on Sunday referred their case to an arbitration panel, which will meet later this month, and yesterday Jos Hermens, the trio's manager, said that Breuer had been told by the German federation (DLV) that she could not make her season's debut in Seville on Saturday because she was wanted for national team duties on Sun-

Breuer would not be looking to start her season in a 200 metres at the Rome grand prix next Tuesday, as might Krabbe. Möller finished fifth in the 100 metres final last night

The IAAF arbitration panel has to determine whether the athletes' three identical negative urine samples provided for a drugs test were tampered with



Out of harm's reach: Speak tucks away for a single during his century at Old Trafford yesterday

Neale's absence queried

By Ivo Tennant

THE decision by Tim Curtis. the new captain of Worcestershire, to omit his predecessor, Phil Neale, from his side in all competitions so far this summer is causing increasing concern among senior offi-cers of the club. There is a feeling that Curtis may not want Neale to play under him, for fear that his authority might be usurped.

Although, through joining the England party. Hick will miss Worcestershire's match with Kent that starts today. his place in the batting order will be taken not by Neale but by a younger batsman,

At least one officer is dismayed at Curtis's view that Neale has to make runs in Worcestershire's second XI before he is even considered for selection. The matter came to a head during a cup match at New Road last week. Supporters called for Neale's reinstatement as Worcestershire were losing to

first washout of a championbeen included because I want to play. But it would be best if

The captain of his county from 1982 until last year, he has played in three second XI matches this season, making 54 against Sussex, 33 against Surrey and twice being dismissed cheaply by Hampshire. Haynes and Tolley, both of whom have made centuries in the second XI this season, are included against Kent today.

remaining of a four-year contract, will instead be involved with his burgeoning corporate hospitality business at the first Test match at Edgbaston later this week. He will be 38 on Friday. Doubtless his age is also counting against him.

Curtis said that Neale was still a part of his plans and that his ability to play spin would be invaluable on the dry pitches of late summer. once Moody had left to join Australia's tour to Sri Lanka.

Speak quietens Somerset

of three): Lancashire (8pts) drew with Somerset (7pts)

dead matches can be significant. After a miserable eight days, yesterday may go down as the time Lancashire came out of their slump. A stand of 163 in 34 overs between Watkinson and Speak took them from potential misfortune to the riches of four batting points.

Lancashire began with a long haul ahead. It looked even longer as Fowler, after a

of two overs to leave them at 115 for five, with 112 still needed to avert the follow-on. Then came Watkinson.

With a pair in his previous championship match, on the quickest wicket at Old Trafford in some years, he rose to the occasion with relish. By the time rain arrived, iust before lunch, the battle was almost won.

But a battle it was. Speak whips the ball off middle through leg with the certainty of a Test batsman; he plays the short-pitched ball like the boy on the village green.

that vulnerability. Somerset exposed some serious flaws in the "one bouncer per over" law. Quite how Speak survived his torrid examination only he and Tavare know, the Somerset captain posting only one short leg to him.

In endeavouring to exploit

In the end the only sufferer was Watkinson, who was hit in the visor, and subsequently chest and shoulder. After the rain, he just failed to collect a richly deserved century, while Speak claimed his second of the season to pass 1,000 runs in all competitions. Crisis?

wickets at 34,18 each.

J E Morris, S C Goldsmith, T J G O'Gorman, †K M Knikken, D G Cork, A E Warner, I R Bishop, O H Mortansen and D E Malcolm did not bat 80WLR4G Ambrose 5-1-16-0, Taylor 4-2-11-0; Capel 1-1-0-0, Curran 1-1-0-0, Felton 12-1-84-0, Forotham 11-2-0-64-0. Second Immigs tortelled NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: First Innings Second Innings

Total (2 wkts) 181

D J Capel M 8 Loye, K M Curran, 10
Roley, A L Penberthy, C E L Ambroso and
J P Taylor did not bat
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-18, 2-155

BOWLING Bishop 8 3-0-34-1, Malcolm 7, 1-48-1, Cork, 8-0-50-0, Warner 7, 2-27-0, Mortensen 8-0-19-0

No play yesterday WORCESTER: Worcestershire v Gloucestershire Match abandoned with out a ball bowled

SWANSEA: Leicesterphire 246 for 6 (T J Boon 69, L Politer 65, BOWLING Watkin 25 2-86-1; Bastler 22-95-32, Barwick 17-2-54-0, Date 13-5-30-3, Croft 3 0-15-0) Match drawn Glamorgan 2pts, Leicesterphire 2

SOUTHAMPTON: Durham 306 (J D Glendenen 64,11 Bothom 51, C A Connor 5 tor 58), and 87 tor 2 (BOWLING Connor 12-1-34-1, Shine 5-1-18-0, Ayring 2-0-17-1; Udai 4-0-18-0) Hampshire 210 (K D James 62, J R Wood 57, J Wood 5 for 68) Match drawn Hampshire 5pts, Durham 8

Other match THE PARKS: Oxford University v York shire Metch abandoned without a ball

COUNTY TABLE

Somérsel (77)
Lancashira (8)
Northants (10)
Notts (4)
Warwicks (2)
"Glouch (13)
Durham (0)
Notts (6)
Middlese (15)
Derbyshire (3)
Essex (1)
Leies (16)
Glømoragn (12)

Edmonds to make surprise comeback

By RICHARD STREETON

LORD'S: Middlesex drew with the Pakistanis

PHIL Edmonds, the former England and Middlesex leftarm slow bowler, is to return to first-class cricket, after an absence of five years. He will help the county in the absence of Philip Tufnell, who is unavailable until July after an appendix operation.

Edmonds, aged 41, travelled with the team to Nottingham last night. He has been having treatment for an old injury to the little finger of his left hand and his return could be delayed until the home game with Leicestershire starting on Friday.

Middlesex, who reregistered Edmonds with the TCCB last week, announced his willingness to help them out during the rain-disrupted final day of their match with the Pakistanis. Only 0.2 overs were possible yesterday after a wet outfield delayed play until 3.30, before bad light and further rain ended the game.

Edmonds has become a successful entrepreneur since his playing days ended, but is a member of the Middlesex selection committee. He accompanied the team on its pre-season tour to Portugal, and has coached the younger players. His only man year was the inaugural game held by John Paul Getty Jr at his home at Wormsley Park.

Mike Gatting, the Middlesex captain, said: "We do not really have a replacement for Tufnell as a left-arm spinner. and it would be silly not to use a player of Edmonds's ability if he is available and willing. It is really up to Edmonds how he feels about it. I do not know how fit he is."

Edmonds's career began with Cambridge University in 1971, and he went on to play Test matches between 1975 and 1986 before ending his county career a year later. Edmonds took 125 Test

Barnett's target too close

By Geoffrey Wheeler

THE sole winners in the rainhit round of championship matches which linished yesterday. Northamptonshire took advantage of what proved an extremely generous declaration by the Derbyshire captain. Kim Barnett.

With only 11 overs bowled on the first two days at Northampton, and no play yesterday until after lunch, there seemed little room for manoeuvre. But for 50 minutes the Derbyshire openers. Barnen and Bowler, were fed cheap runs, Bowler equalling Stan Worthington's county record by by scoring his sixth successive half-century.

Barnett then declared at 180 without loss before both sides forfeited an innings, which left the strong Northamptonshire batting line-up two hours plus 20 overs to get the runs and pick up lo points. They won in a canterby eight wickets and with 13.3 overs to spare. Felion (58 not out) and Bailey (72) adding 137 for the second wicket.

There were no fancy declarations at the Oval, where Surrey and Sussex disputed bonus points. Sussex winning the contest by 7-6.

CYCLING

Landuyt resorts to appeal

By Peter Bryan

THE 1,150-mile Milk Race gets back on the road today after a rest day at Blackpool with five riders less than 45 seconds behind Willy Willems, the Belgian overall leader.

But Willems's Collstrop manager, Luc Landuyt. threatened to withdraw the team when he was fined £250 yesterday, allegedly for cross-ing double white lines to assist one of his riders during Sunday's Southport to Pres-Last week Collstrop and

two other foreign teams were fined £100 for similar offences, but appealed successfully to have the penalties quashed. Last night Landuyt was more concerned that race officials had also relegated him to last place in the 18strong convoy of team-support cars.

Conventionally in stage races the leading team always has first position - an advantage when a rider needs service or instructions.

Landuyt feels that that is the greater punishment. He was appealing to race officials to be reinstated.

The passage of the Milk Race is controlled by a command car from the Associ-ation of Chief Police Officers. It has radio contact with 16 police motorcyclists, who stop all oncoming traffic and block off the rear of the race and side roads.

GOLF

CHRISTY O'Connor Jr did much more than win a tournament when he took the Dunhill British Masters title on Sunday. He reminded all of us that as the mechanical men of modern day sport strive for pure perfection, so there is still a place for grit and determination.

super-fit heroes of the mod-

after the range.

It was, of course, Jacklin who passed over O'Connor for the 1985 Ryder Cup. O'Connor cried out of sheer disappointment. Then Jacklin welcomed him into

the 1989 match, and O'Con-

nor hit that peerless two-iron

into the heart of the 18th

generation gap

man and very much the family man. He enjoys nothing

You are not supposed, at

This is not to demean O'Connor's ambition. He admitted several years ago that if he wanted to stay in competition, then he would need to practise more. Even so, he continues to champion the cause for there to be life

game so soon.

O'Connor bridges

BY MITCHELL PLATTS, GOLF CORRESPONDENT

the age of 43, to single putt every green on the way in when there is £100,000 at stake, not to mention the Masters title that his uncle, Christy Sr, won in 1956 and 1959. Yet Christy Jr did exactly that, and in so doing entranced everyone from the rabbit to the robot. He proved to the club golfer that a beer paunch is not a handicap, as he withstood 36 holes in one day better than the

So far, it has been a year of comebacks, with the likes of Tom Kite and Bruce Lietzke winning in the United States and José-Maria Cañizares in Europe. Even Tony Jacklin may be regretting his deci-sion to back away from the

green at The Belfry to beat Fred Couples. That time, only tears of joy flowed. O'Connor is an emotional

more than being at home in Galway, where he married his wife, Ann, 16 years ago. He also likes to shoot and fish. O'Connor is a great stotyteller and a singer, too. All Ireland will be singing his praises this week, especially

as the Carroll's Irish Open starts on Thursday.

Sandy Lyle has pulled out of the Irish Open to be with his wife and caddie, Jolande, who underwent a gynaecological operation on

Saturday.

VOLVO ORDER OF MERIT: Leading positions: 1. A Johnstone (Zm). 2244,472,54; 2. A Forebrard (Swe). 2204,989,74; 3. J-M Okazebai (Sp). 2200,023,44; 4. J Rivero (Sp). 1569,827,25; 5. P Senior (Aus). 2155,113,71; 6, N Feldo (Eng). 217,745; 7. D Gätror (Eng). 2125,847,07; 9. C O'Cornor Jr (Im). 2120,046; 10, S Ballesteros (Sp). 2115,860,71; 11, R Retisery, N Ind., 2113,663,33; 12, C Montagomenie (Soci). 2111,766,94; 13, J-M Carizzases (Sp). 2105,822,61; 14, S Richardson (Eng). 296,563,67; 15, A Sherborne (Eng). 296,564,55; 17, A Lyle (Scot). 298,556,07; 18, G Bernard Jr (Scot). 298,536,86; 19, E Romero (Arg). 226,903; 20, I Palmer (SA). 256,303,33.



O'Connor: emotional

BY PETER BALL

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OLD TRAFFORD (final day

THERE are times when even

gritty half-century, and

Tetley Bitter Challenge Middx v Pakistanis Total (no wkt)

Somerset in their Benson and Hedges quarter-final. As rain cascaded at New Road yesterday, causing the ship match there since 1969. Neale said: "I have been fit for selection all season and am disappointed not to have

I do not say anything more than that."

J E Benjamin to bat. FALL OF WICKETS: 1-9, 2-162, 3-183, 4-185, 5-226, 6-290, 7-329, 8-359.

LORD'S (final day of three): Middlesex draw with the Pakistanis PAKISTANIS: First Innings 327 for 4 dec (Asif 123, Sellim 69) Second Innings Extras (lb 1) . ____ 1

BOWLING: Fraser 3.2-0-4-0; Getting 3-3-MIDDLESEX: First Image 222 for 8 dec (M A Roseberry 111 not out; BOWLING-Wagar 11-3-27-1; Agub 14-0-62-2, Ataur 9-2-14-0; Mushtaq 22-1-73-4; Asrl 12-2-44-0). Britannic Assurance county

championship

Surrey v Sussex THE OVAL (final day of three) Surrey (Spis) draw with Sussex (7) SUSSEX: First Innings 300 for 6 dec (A P Wells 165 not out, J A North 53 not out, M P Bicknes 4 for 47) SURREY: First Innings

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M P Bicknes C Wells b Salisbury
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YESTERDAY'S SCOREBOARDS

BOWLNG: Stephenson 12-5-19-0; Jones 140-69-1, Pgott 14-441-1; Salisbury 17-5-67-3; North 13-3-1-59-1; Lenham 16-3-61-2; Wells 15-4-45-0 Umpires: G | Burgess and D O Oslean Lancs v Somerset OLD TRAFFORD (final day of three). Lancashire (Spis) drew with Somerset (7) SOMERSET: First linnings 376 for 9 dec [M Lathwell 74, N D Burns 73 not out, R P

Snell 55)

LANCASHIRE: First Innings

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S P Titchard b Mattender

M A Atherton c Burns b Mattender

G D Lloyd c Caddick to Snell

M Watkinson c Barriett b Hayhurst

P A J DeFrettas c Snell b Rose

N J Speak c Bartlett b Hayhurst

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Street (In) 51 Extras (rtb 6)

BOWLING, Mallender 11-3-39-2, Caddick 13-2-34-1, Snet 15-1-86-1; van Troost 11-0-53-0, Rose 15-1-50-1, Hayhurst 8-1-36-2, Lathwell 2-0-9-0 Umpires: J D Bond and D R Shepherd Northants v Derbys NORTHAMPTON (final day of three) Northamptonshire (16pts) beet Derby-shire (1) by eight wickets DERBYSHIRE: First innings

FOOTBALL

OTHER SPORT

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Extras (lb 5, nb 3)

TODAY'S FIXTURES

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Experience of Barnes will be vital

England depart to test the depths of New Zealand game

FROM DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT, IN PALMERSTON NORTH

ENGLAND dispatch their thrust of Barnes's thesis. "In development squad to the New Zealand there is such a southern hemisphere today highly competitive infrastrucunder few illusions. Suggesture that, even when you go tions that the eight-match tour itinerary in New Zealand down to the second and third divisions of the national may be insufficiently dechampionship, you still find manding have been firmly players who have put far knocked on the head by the more thought into their game management of a party than their average counterpart in Britain," he said. whose players may be the England's opponents props of the senior squad over the next five years.

their coach, Ian McGeechan

- unable to tour with the

national side in Australia at

the moment - confirms the

M Hynes (Orrell). A Mullins (Harlequins), V Ubogu (Bath), G Dawe (Bath), K Dunn (Gloucester), D Saldwin (Sale), M Bayfield (Northampton), M Haag (Bath),

IN BRIEF

Kopka lifts

for Britain

RAYMOND Kopka, aged

20. from London, a trainee

accountant, is the newcomer

in the British weightlifting

souad for the Barcelona

Olympics. Kopka came to

Britain from Czechoslovakia

as a junior in 1987. Now a

British citizen, he will com-

pete in the 110kg class,

having won the European

hopes lie with David Mor-

gan, whose younger brother. Anthony, is also in the team,

Motor rallying: Didier Auri-

ol, the Lancia driver, main-

tained a clear lead halfway

through the Acropolis rally

yesterday, nearly two minutes ahead of Massimo Biasion,

the Ford driver, and team-

Cycling: Guido Bontempi, of

Italy, sprinted home to beat a

group of 18 yesterday to win

the ninth stage of the Giro

d'Italy from Aversa to Latina.

near Rome. It was his second

victory in three days.

mate, Juha Kankkunen.

Bontempi sprint

Britain's main Olympic

junior bronze in 1990.

and Andrew Davies.

Auriol leads

include two third division Stuart Barnes, captain of provinces, North Otago and the first England B tour to Wanganui, two from the secventure further affeld than ond in Southland and the Continent, has seen it Wairarapa-Bush, North before — as a capped player Auckland from the first diviwith the senior party in 1985. "Such is the difference besion and the New Zealand Universities in the final stages tween northern and southern of preparation for the Student hemisphere rugby at the mo-World Cup next month. The ment that a New Zealand two "internationals" will be second XV has to be seen as against New Zealand's third more of a challenge than XV, since the country's top 30 playing a full Wales, Ireland or Scotland side," he said. Scotland may demur but

players will be in Australia. Laurie Mains, the All Blacks coach, has expressed regret that the tour will not be played under the new laws, which vesterday produced a marvellous speciacle in Ham-

ENGLAND BYOUR PARTY BACKS: I Hunter (Northempton), S Hackney (Lexcester), A Harriman (Harlequine), H Thomeycrott (Northempton), T Underwood (Leicester), G Childs (Waspa), P de Glarrville (Bath), D Hopley (Waspa), G Thompson (Harlequine), S Barnias (Bath, captain), N Matthews (Gloucester), J Steele (Northampton), A Kardooni (Leicester), D Scully (Wakefield).

D Sims (Gioucester), N Beck (Leicester), M Greenwood (Nothingham), J Cassell (Saracens), S Ojomoh (Bath), M Russell (Hairequise), B Clarka (Bath), Manager: G Smith, Coaches: J Rowell and M Siemen. Doctor: N Athinson. Physiotherapist: E Lewis.
[ThteRARY: Juse: 10: North Otago (Camanu), 13: Southland (Invercargill), 17: New Zesland Universities (Wallington), 20: Waltarapa-Bush (Masterton), 24: Wanganui (Wanganu), 28: New Zesland

ilton when Waikato beat Western Samoa 39-29, Matthew Cooper, the new national team full back, scoring

Mains expects the expansive philosophy preached to England's senior side by Dick Best (expected to join the B tour for the last formight along with Geoff Cooke, the team manager) to rub off on the B squad. "We expect them to show us the direction of English rugby over the next few years," he said, with the rider that England B may have to brush up on their rucking technique.

England will file aboard their flight with a glow of confidence after achieving their own "little slam" last season, against Spain, Ireland, France and Italy. In Barnes they have a shrewd head capable of inculcating in others the sort of nous that will take them to a higher plane; but he will hope that Aadel Kardooni and Dave Scully find their feet quickly at scrum half. Further out there is promising of exciting rugby from such as de Glanville, the vounger Underwood and Hunter.

Martin Johnson, the Leicester lock, has withdrawn from the party, which had already lost Jim Fallon to rugby league and Dean Ryan for domestic reasons. Johnson's shoulder problem has flared up and his place goes to David Baldwin, of Sale.



Time to reflect: John Walter, from Surrey, the world croquet champion, ponders his next move during the first of three matches against Robert Fulford, from Colchester, to decide this year's title at Newport, Rhode Island. Walter lost the contest 26-14.

MOTOR RACING

Mansell starts rumour season

FROM NORMAN HOWELL IN MONTE CARLO

ONE of the by-products of Nigel Mansell's remarkable start of the season is that the Formula One rumour season has begun a little earlier than usual

It has been whispered for two weeks that Mansell has re-signed with Williams-Renault. But the inner workings of Formula One are more tortuous. There are a number of

The first is that Williams are not alone in deciding the driver line-up for 1993. Renault, too, have a voice, and a loud one at that. Their top man is Patrick Faure, head of the sport division and No. 3 in the French motor manu-

"We have decided with Frank not to talk about drivers until July," Faure said. "I remain of the same opinion as last year. We have only What I want to have and what Frank wants to have too, is a team of drivers, like

this year, that can be world champions. 'Having said that, and

knowing that Alain Prost wants to drive next year, and knowing that he has won three world championships. we can't say we are not interested." And Mansell? "We have not re-signed him."

Also, it must be remembered that everyone still that Frank Williams has always been very keen on the

YACHTING

Smith sails through regatta field

By Barry Pickthall

NINE days of intensive match-race training has paid off for Lawrie Smith and his DBS Olympic Soling crew. In their first top-level match-racing competition, at Medem-blik, the British three-man keelboat team upset the top three Olympic seeds to win the Dutch regatta and raise their hopes of a gold medal.

Smith and his crew of Rob Cruikshank and Oswald Stewart have devoted all their spare time since winning the Olympic nomination, sharpening their skills against Ian Southworth, Britain's Nation's Cup match-race finalist last year, and a fellow Soling skipper, Andy Beadsworth. Smith, who was criticised

for shunning previous matchrace opportunities against his Olympic rivals, said yesterday: "It was all part of our master plan. We did not want to give other crews a chance to learn our tactics too soon." RESULTS: Soling: Semi-limate: L. Smith (GB) bt K. Mataney (US), 20: J. Bank (Den) bt J. Schumann (Gen), 20: Final: L. Smith bt J. Bank, 2-1 Third place sell-off: K. Mahaney bt J. Schumann, 20

RUGBY LEAGUE

Board lets Jackson take field

AN UNUSUAL appeal to the International Board has altered a British Rugby Football League's disciplinary committee ruling so that Michael Jackson will be allowed to play for Great Britain against Queensland Country today (a Special Correspondent writes)

Jackson was originally suspended for three matches, but the punishment was extended to four on appeal.

Great Britain cited to the International Board their desperate shortage of for-wards. Six from 15 in their touring party are carrying minor knocks from the Papua New Guinea international. and two are unfit with infuries brought from England.

The board reprieved Jackson, provided he serves the final match of his ban against Canberra on Saturday.

TEAM: G Staadmen (Castleford). A Hunta (S: Helens). G Comnolly (St Helens). J Devareux (Widnes). G Hallas (Hull Kings-ton Rovers). K Ellis (Warmgton). A Gregory (Wigan): I Lucas (Wigan). L Jackson (Hull). N Cowle (Wigan). K Fairbank (Bradford Northern). M Jackson (Watefield Tmitty). B McGinty (Wigan)

David Miller

Fingers get burned in the Olympic flame

president, Juan Antonio Samaranch, are under fire. From the British. The moment has come, I think, to distinguish between legitimate criticism, for which there is cause, and mischievous bunkum, of which there is much more.

The barrage of hostility indirectly as damaging to British interests as to the IOC - reached a climax last night with ITV's World In Action, the second half of which is to follow next Monday. This sought to condemn the IOC, and prominent members, for allegedly perventing the true course and objectives of the Olympic movement. The documentary is the film of the recently published book. The Lords of the Rings, by confident investigative television reporters, Vyv Simson and Andrew Jennings.

A personal interest should be declared. Next Monday publication my book Samaranch's

12 years as president, Olympic Revolution: account also containing cri-

ticism but demonstrating. I hope, that his influence has enormously contributed to the survival, expansion and financial security of an always vulnerable organisation. Notwithstanding this, my associ-ation of 35 years with the Olympic movement should allow me observation on the alternative work.

Simson and Jennings are in potential difficulty. While the IOC is initially of the opinion that World In Action carries a degree of balance, criminal libel proceedings against the book have been initiated in Switzerland, the IOC's residential base. This action may be extended elsewhere. So prejudiced, splenetic and unbalanced, however, is The Lords of the Rings, that reviewing it is difficult without seeming

equally prejudiced.
"If it had been more moderate," Mary Glen-Haig, a British IOC member, says, "it could have done good. Init has misfired.

he International Olym-Samaranch has done an inthe foreign minister, pic Committee, and its credible job for the IOC, a Ordonez, held office as comment of mine that was cut out, and I think the British Olympic Association should make a statement to give the correct balance."

The work is a kind of literary equivalent of football hooliganism, discredited by the emotional excess of its expressed allegiance. The BOA was excluded from a preview of World In Action. produced ironically by Granada TV in Manchester, the city bidding for the Games of 2000. The Times was also banned from the book's pre-

Robert Scott, chairman of the Manchester bid, worked vigorously to persuade Granada programme controllers to ensure balance in World In Action. In six years, Scott has learned more of the Olympic movement than many of the media now blandly acclaiming the authors. think absurd is the

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word," Scott says. "We know the IOC has gone from penury to affluence in a few years, and we should not be surprised at difficulties, but to say there is no break in the clouds is ridiculous. At an IOC meeting I attended last week, there was talk of nothing but controlling the finan-

The main thrust of the allegations in the book and programme is threefold: selfaggrandisement; the squandering of new-found television and sponsorship income; and Samaranch's role during Franco's regime. The problem for the au-

thors is that, being ignorant of Olympic background, they predominantly depended on second-hand opinion, apparently believed everything, yet exposed little. At the World In Action preview, the correspondent of Spain's El Pais said: "We knew all this".

Many prominent ministers in Spain's flourishing Social Democratic Party, such as Françoists. There was no alternative. That did not make them torturers. Samaranch, unavoidably in public life, was a party member, a "secret" the book claims to expose. None of it is new.

"Everyone in Spain knows my position." Samaranch "My most important appointments, as ambassador to the Soviet Union and director of our biggest bank, have taken place during the democratic period. It is for the people of Spain to judge me, not foreigners. We still had to live and work in Franco's time. This book is full of errors." — over 90 by my calculation - "and, if anything, persuades me to stand for office again." King Juan Carlos recently ap-pointed him Marques de Samaranch, Spain's highest honour. His textile-magnate father, detained at the start of the dictatorship, was lib-

erated only at the request of his workers for being a liberal

employer. Samaranch stresses that the of British sport

- "great contributors to the Olympic Games" - never mind the specious claim by the authors to be campaigning "for our Olympics". They denounce the IOC for travelling like royalty, first-class air travel and hotels: much as do many in television and the

The expansion of income has hugely benefited the Games, allowing subsidy of smaller nations that might not otherwise attend. You cannot have new stadiums and a village for 15,000 without massive income.

No sport, as Britain well knows, survives without finance. Bernie Ecclestone is not condemned for the fortune he generates for grand prix racing. Samaranch has to be acclaimed for securing the future rather than commercialising it. The 75 people I interviewed for Olympic Revolution from the Olympic movement who had little but praise for him surely cannot all be wrong.

Turner's opening shots on target

should worry a few oppo-

BY ALIX RAMSAY

THE British grass-court season started in predictable fashion yesterday at Beckenham, where for much of the day the closest thing to action was the sight of spectators running for cover from the rain.

With 37 Britons in the draw, there is some hope of home-grown talent surviving through to the latter stages of the competition. Certainly, James Turner, from Avon,

nents. With a powerful serve, he knocked holes in Ross Matheson, from Scotland, is no lightweight himself at 6ft 4in tall, but he could not withstand Turner's artillery, losing 7-6, 6-1.

While the top seeds were given byes into the second round and an extra day to shake the clay of Paris off their shoes, one former champion, Pat Cash, was in action

on the centre court. He looked to be cruising to victory over Juan Rios, from Puerto Rico, when the heavens opened at 6-3, 1-2.

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RESULTS: Men's singles: First round (GB and N ire unless stated): P Kuhnen (Ger) bit J Davidson, 6-3, 6-4; J Baily bit R Localsamo (Aus.), 7-5, 6-4; W Arthurs (Aus.) Wo D Kirk, sor; S Matsuola (Japan) wo J de Japer (SA), sor; J Turner bit R Matheson, 7-6, 6-1. Women's singless: First round: S Nicholeon (Ire) bit C Billingham, 6-3, 3-6, 5-3; J Seimon bit C Hunt, 6-2, 3-6, 7-5; E lide (Japan) bit V Lake, 6-1, 6-4; A Granted bit S Schenck (US), 8-2, 6-2; M Lindstrom (Swe) bit P O'Reilly (US), 6-4, 3-6, 6-3.

FOR THE RECORD

Auburn's home form indicates a draw BECAUSE it is often profit- lower reaches of the Victoria

POOLS FORECAST

able to follow trends, mark
Auburn United down to draw
win over Regent should give at home against Mount Pritchard in the New South Wales first division. Although Auburn are high in the table. they have already drawn four times on their own patch and Mount Pritchard, no slouchts away, can capitalise on this indifferent nome form.

Corio United are showing upset Langwarrin's hopes of signs of improvement in the maximum points.

them the confidence to share the spoils at Sun Heights Polonia.

Another long-shot draw worth considering is Lang-warrin v Yarraville in the Victoria fourth division. Having gained a creditable draw at Boronia. Yarraville can

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AMERICAN FOOTBALL WORLD LEAGUE (WLAF): Play-off game: Sacramento Surge 17, Barcelone Dregons 15.
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VOLVO EUROPEAN TOUR: Order of Merit: 1, T Johnstone (Zim), 5244, 472; 2, A Forsbrand (Swe), 5204,093; 3, J M Olezabal (So), 5200,023; 4, J Rivero (Sp), 5186,132; 5, P Sentor (Aus), 5125,133; 6, N Faldo (Eng), 5137,745; 7, D Gilford (Eng), 5125,940; 8, V Singh (Fip), 5125,940; 8, V Singh (Fip), 5125,940; 8, V Singh (Fip), 5125,940; 10, S Ballessteros (Sp), 5115,860; 11, R Rafferty (N Ire), 5113,663; 12, C Montgomene (Scot), 5111,765, 13, J M Canizares (Sp), 5105,822; 14, S Richardson (Eng), 597,851; 16, G Evans (Eng), 596,224; 17, S Lyle (Scot), 599,598; 18, G Brand Jnr (Scot), 588,508; 19, E Romero (Arg), 586,803; 20, I Palmer (SA), 586,303.

NORWAY: European championships: Individual positions after task three: 1, A Chauvet (Fr), 2889: 2, J Pendry (SB, 2884; 3, J Krotseng (Nor), 2,791; 4, M Ruhmer (Austria), 2,790; 5, R Walbec (Fr), 2,753. Team scores: 1, France, 8,213; 2,753. Team scores: 1, France, 8,213; 2,753. Team scores: 1, France, 8,213; 3, Norway, 8,019; 4, Swrtzerland, 7,851; 5, Austria, 7,777.

OSAKA, Japan: Tour matches; Women: Wales A 10, Japan A 3; Wales B 15, Japan B 0 Men: All Japan 15, Keans College MOTOR RALLYING

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BRUNSWICK, Germany; Junior International Air Pistol: 1, N Pennington (GB), S7Spts; 2, D Raskin (fersel), 573; 3, F Seeger (Germany), 572, 7, J Newsome (GB), 590, BISLEY: Team matches: 300, 600, 900 and 1,000 yards: 1, Lordon and Middlesax Lades, 1438 [S Reace 185]; 2, Middlesex Men, 1425 (A Petiman 183), 900, 1,000, 500 and 500 yards: 1, RAFTRC, 1496 (D Cole 191); 2, Army TRC, 1490 (5 Davis 183); 3,1404 (A Pesidoi 185); Match rifle: 1,000 and 1,100 yards (teams of four); 1, Welsh RC, 530,29 (H Morley 139.16); 2, Insh RC, 517,32 (D

Calvert 139.15); 3, North London RC, 517.29 (J Hissey 135.9).

SPEEDWAY READING: Postponed: Homefire Inter-national match: England and Australia (rescheduled for June 15). SWIMMING

SWIMMING
MUNICH: German championships:
Finals: Men: 50m freestyle: 1. N Rudolph, 22.73ecs; 2. M Pinger, 22.81.
200m breaststroke: 1. R Feeber; 2:17.17;
2. T Mueller, 2:18.01, 200m butterfly: 1. C Bremer, 2:00.19; 2. O Lamper, 2:00.96.
1.500m freestyle: 1. J Hoffmann, 15mm, 153; 2. S Pleffler, 15:23 15. Women: 100m breaststroke: 1. J Danse, 1:10.80; 2. D Brendel, 1:17.04, 100m butterfly: 7, Fvan Almsick, 1:00.48, 2. B Ustrowski, 1:01:69, 4:00m freestyle: 7, D Hase, 4.12.50; 2, K Kielgass, 4:12.69. **TENNIS**

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE: Men's representative match: Northumberland 1, Scotland 7 TRIATHLON

SWINDON: British national champion-ships: Men: S Lessing, Thr 48min 32sec; 2, S Smith, 1,49,29; 3, C Cooke, 1,51,01; 4, M Belifeld, 1,52,08; 5, C Divon 1,54,17. Women: 1, S Springmen, 2hr 9min 22sec; 2, A Hamilton, 2,09,35; 3, J Shand, 2,10,59; 4, R Koval 2,12,42; 5, C Alkin 2,12,48. VOLLEYBALL

WORLD LEAGUE: Men: Pool A: CIS bt Ching, 3-1. Pool B: Netherlands bt Canada, 3-1: Cuba bt Germany, 3-0. Pool C: Italy bt Braza, 3-1. YACHTING

WhyTE AND MACKAY SOLENT POINTS CHAMPIONSTIIP Sigma 33: First race: 1, Pople (J Ewart); 2. Circe (D Thomas); 3. Lucky Ducky (K Diedericht and G Gordon). Second race: 1, Stickle-back (J Godfrey and C Died; 2. Circe (D Thomas); 3. Pople (J Ewart). Lightwaves: 1, Amanda Kutu (A Porter); 2. Expactite (I Stowe and J Eldridge); 3. Marionetre (C Ourning). Class 3 CHS: 1, Impulse (E Dragten); 2, Amanda Kutu (A Porter); 3. Sunbeet V (B Courtney). Class 4 CHS: 1, Harmony 87 (P Dyer); 2. Owl (P Buuce); 3. Hartequin (P Hatilwell) Class 5 CHS: 1. Super Sparts (D Ide); equal 2, Elan (J Bennet and E Way) and Sibling (A Moore). CHAMPAGNE NICOLAS FEUILLATTE SIGMA 38 REGATTA: First race: 1, Scorpio (V Watkins); 2, Hightander (G Logan); 3. Arbitrator (S Bailey). Second race: 1, Arbitrator (S Bailey). Second (P King). Third race: 1, Highlander; 2, Serendep; 3. Arbitrator

Keown the odd man out in England side

Taylor's team drawn from Robson's cast

FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT IN HELSINKI

GRAHAM Taylor yesterday unveiled the England team which will challenge for the European championship. Providing there are no unforeseen hitches in the dress rehearsal here in the Olympic Stadium tomorrow night, the same line-up will open the tournament against Denmark in Malmö on June 11.

After spending two years auditioning 51 players, he has reverted more or less to the same cast chosen by Bobby Robson in the last World Cup. With the exception of Martin Keown, everybody else not only went to Italy but also actively contributed

As well as relying on experience. Taylor has put his faith in the defensive system boldly introduced by his predecessor. England, protected by three central defenders initially against the Netherlands, went on to finish fourth and might, with luck, have won the trophy.

Taylor, who wrote for The Times while he was in Italy, saw how effective the formation was and how comfortably the players responded to

Ever since he took over from Robson, he revealed vesterday, he intended to use it

MIKE Walker was yesterday

appointed manager of Nor-

wich City, stepping up from

his job in charge of the re-

serves at Carrow Road. He

His assistant will be a for-

mer forward at the club, John

Deehan, which means there

is no place for David Wil-

The former Liverpool and

England defender, Phil Neal,

turned down the chance to

take the job because he was

not prepared to move his fam-

ily to East Anglia. The club's

chairman, Robert Chase, re-

jected Neal's plan to com-

Walker, aged 46, a former

mute from Liverpool.

liams, the No. 2 last season.

succeeds Dave Stringer.

C Woods (Sheffield Wed); G Stevens (Rangers), S Pearce (Nottingham F). M Ksown (Everton), D Walker (Sampdone), M Wright (Liverpool), D Platt (Barl), T Steven (Marseille), N Webb (Manchester Utd), G Lineker (Tottenham), J Uld), G Lineker (Tottenham), J Barnes (Liverpool).

himself for the European championship finals.

"Our record shows that we know how to play 4-2-4 but it hasn't won us anything since the World Cup in 1966. That is over a quarter of a century ago," he said. "We should have learned the lesson by now and applied it.

"Some players feel that we ought to change the formation and I don't disagree. Systems don't win or lose games, mind you. Players do. ystems won't take care of inaccurate passing, bad marking, a reluctance to shoot or an unwillingness to

work hard. "Even though we've done well, our defence has had some problems and I knew we would have to do some rethinking. I regard this as a progressive move and we shall see if it helps out. If not, we know we can always go back to 4-2-4 if we need to."

Keown has earned the right to retain his place as one of the markers but there are misgivings about his reliability against the calibre of the forwards he is about to at-

manager of Colchester, said:

"I'm looking forward to the

new challenge and I hope

John Deehan's influence will

make us a more forceful at-

ite at Norwich during the

1980s and, for the past three

seasons, he has been assistant

to the former Norwich coach.

Mel Machin, at Barnsley.

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no such doubts about Walker. whose excellence has long been taken for granted.

Stuart Pearce's recovery from injury is comforting but that sustained by Rob Jones has left a potential flaw at right back. Gary Stevens is prone to the odd and potentially costly error. Taylor admits that Jones would have been in his side and so, ideally would Paul Gascoigne, pre-sumably in place of Neil

Webb, described by the England manager as typical of the old "attacking wing half', and David Plan, an example of "an all-action inside forward", will be supported in midfield by Trevor Steven, "the continuity player". Together, they should offer invention as well as industry in an area too often filled recently by mediocrity.

The most significant part will be played by John Barnes. His recuperation within the confines of the isolated training camp has exceeded hopes and Taylor. who was planning to use him only as a substitute, was convinced instead that he should start against Finland

He may not finish and Taylor warns against expecting too much from the enigmatic winger who played in a mere 17 games over the season. Nevertheless, Barnes represents the difference between a solid unit capable of reaching the semi-finals and a side unpredictable enough to claim the ultimate prize.

He is to be given the oner-ous responsibility of a free role. In Taylor's words, he can "play as only John Barnes can. He can give us width on either flank or move along the front line wherever he wants. Our job is to provide as many chances as we can for Gary Lineker. His job is to put them away.'

have worked out. We are in that he has experimented too to entertain and I am deterfreely with personnel and formined to see us being an mations, he claims that he aggressive, attractive and athas never before been able to tacking footballing side." field "these ten proven inter-nationals" and Keown. Deehan was a firm favour-

The opportunity has arisen just before the curtain rises in Sweden and Taylor must trust that the prolonged wait has been worthwhile.



Net gain: Leconte employs the volley in his victory over Filippini at the French Open yesterday

Wiser Leconte marches on

FROM ANDREW LONGMORE, TENNIS CORRESPONDENT, IN PARIS

DELIGHT and frustration have been such close companions for Henri Leconte down the years that it should be no surprise to find him in the quarter-final of the French Open. Just three weeks before the start of the tournament. he was feeling so jaded he wanted to give the game up for three months.

With due respect to his opponent, Marcelo Filippini, the danger for the Frenchfrom the possibility of anticlimax after his crushing victory over Michael Stich, the Wimbledon champion, than from the Uruguyan's gentle skills. But, according to Leconte at least, this is a wiser. more reflective version of the dashing left-hander who was icered off court after the French Open final in 1988. and he was alive to the possi-

"I manage my tennis better. I can win a point without exaggerating. Sometimes some shots escape me but I am able to play the right shot and not fall into euphoria," he said. "I think I am more experienced now."

bility of over-elaboration.

That does not stop him from charging to the net like a fencer about to strike, nor does it necessarily mean he will play sensibly against

Nicklas Kulti in the quarterfinal tomorrow. But there was businesslike efficiency about Leconte's 6-3, 6-2, 6-4 victory and a marked absence of the arm-pumping histrionics which have made him one of the most popular performers the world over. This Leconte is aware of his limitations and is all the more dangerous because of it.

"I did feel more pressure than against Stich. The difthinking about tennis every second of every day. I am more relaxed than before," he

Relaxation has never been Pete Sampras's problem. Just the opposite, in fact. The quiet American, who has been tipped to win Wimbledon, is finding out that daycourt tennis might not be as foreign to his nature as he first thought. In beating Carl-Uwe Steeb in straight sets yesterday, he found exactly the right balance between power and patience, and never allowed the German a chance to settle into a rhythm. "He is a hard-court player," Steeb said. "But he is clearly very dangerous on clay

Sampras, one of three Americans in the quarterfinals, attributes his improvement to the simple matter of hard work. Commendably, he has out his mind to adapting to clay, playing five claycourt events in preparation for Paris, and he has been aided by the speed of the courts at Roland Garros. "It is a surface you can definitely serve and volley on and be aggressive," he said.

Sixteen aces and a string of fast accurate second serves proved the point and demoralised Steeb, whose chin dropped markedly when he lost the second set. "I think that was the best I have ever played on clay," Sampras

He will need to play even



Bollegraf: Dutch star

Agassi, who was not quite as convincing in finishing off Emilio Sanchez as he had been the previous day in taking the first two sets. Still, it was a marked improvement on his last effort, when he was soundly beaten by the Spaniard in March. "I am close to being 100 per cent better than I was then," he said.

Petr Korda and Andrei Cherkasov also came through to the last eight in straight for a place in the semi-final against either Kulti or Leconte. Kulti, a former junior world champion, was just too strong and well organised for Diego Perez, the day's second Uruguyan. He has played 18 sets of tennis to reach his first grand slam tournament quarter-final, but, a true Swede, he shows no sign of being overawed. Provided it does not all catch up with him, he will test Leconte's new-found tranquility to the

To cap an excellent day for the Americans. Jennifer Capriati proved too consistent and too smart for Mary Pierce. Pierce holds triple citizenship - US, French and Canadian - and has not quite sorted out her game either. She hits almost as hard as her father, who punched two courtside hecklers during his daughter's third round, but Capriati, the No. 5 seed, kept her composure to win 6-4, 6-3 and earn a quarter-final against Monica Seles - she won their last meeting in Key Biscayne while Manon Bollegraf became the first Dutch woman to reach this stage of a grand slam tournament since 1971. SIAIN IOUTHAINERS SINCE 1971.

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Stewart .. to work with the young

By Alan Lee CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

MICKY Stewart, who today begins supervising the England preparations for a Test series for the last time, has had his future in the game guaranteed when he retires as team manager in September,

Stewart. I understand, will remain in the full-time employment of the Test and County Cricket Board within a post specially created for him. He is to oversee and administer all aspects of youth cricket, a position in which his organisational skills will be fully utilised. He will work under the auspices of the England committee and in close contact with his successor as manager, Keith Fletcher.

It had never seemed likely that Stewart would be lost to cricket when his six-year tenure on the England job expires. He will celebrate his sixtieth birthday in September but his energy and enthu-siasm for the game remain as strone as ever.

The concentration on youth development was specifically recommended in the report made by a recent working party into the function and performance of the England committee. It has been planned, ever since then, to make an appointment in this area and Stewart was always envisaged as the man for the

An announcement, by the TCCB, will come when the job description has been fully detailed, and this requires cooperation with the National Cricket Association (NCA). which is responsible for all English cricket beneath firstclass level.

The NCA already has, in Keith Andrew, a director of coaching. Andrew, however, doubles as chief executive and is also due for retirement in 1994. Some of his coaching responsibilities might necessarily pass to Stewart under the new arrangement and communication between the CCB and NCA may

strengthened as a result. The Development of Excellence programme, sponsored by Bull, has done much for cricket at under-15 and under-19 level, with tours to England being made this summer by South Africa and Sri Lanka respectively. Stewart will want to extend the England involvement and. particularly, promote an under-17 team.

Stewart's more immediate priority is to help the senior England side beat Pakistan at Edgbaston, starting on Thursday, and already he is confronted by an injury worry. Derek Pringle reporting a swollen knee after colliding with an advertising board at Worcester on Sunday.

"We are not terribly persurbed at the moment." Stewart said, discounting any hasty call for reinforcements. it will doubtless have occurred to Stewart, however, that England's fitness troubles, already chronic with the absence of Fraser, Lawrence and Tufnell, are deteriorating even as Pakistan's seem to be receding.

Wagar Younis seems certain to play on Thursday and will probably have Wasim Akram back as his new-ball partner. That contingency seemed fanciful no more than a week ago.

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Walker makes strides

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IOC ready to vote on expulsion

THE International Olympic Committee (IOC) will decide this month whether to expel Yugoslavia from the Barcelona Games after the United Nations (UN) ban on sporting links.

The IOC information director, Michele Verdier, said yesterday the executive board would make the decision. No date had been set for a session, but it would meet this month.

The UN security council voted on Saturday to forbid any country from allowing athletes or teams representing Yugoslavia to play on its territory.

FROM ANDREW LONGMORE

THE people of Croatia have

other things on their mind at

present, but not even the de-

struction of civil war can

spoil their sport. This after-

noon, on the centre court in Roland Garros, their cham-

pion, Goran Ivanisevic, will

play Jim Courier for a place in the semi-final of the

French Open. As much of

Croatia that can find a tele-vision set will forget the trou-

"Everyone not on the front

will see it, even if they are

huddled in basements and burnt-out buildings," Milo Dusanovic, head of sport for

Croatian television, said.

The Serbs have destroyed

seven out of nine of our

transmitters, but we have

still managed to operate dur-

bles and watch.

RESULTS FROM ROLAND GARROS

MEN'S SINGLES: Fourth round: P MEN'S SINGLES: Fourth round: P Sampras (US) bt C-U Steeb (Gar), 6-4, 6-3, 6-2; A Agassi (US) bt E Sanchez (Sp), 6-1, 6-3, 7-5, H Leconte (Fr) bt M Filippini (Uru), 6-3, 6-2, 6-4; N Kulti (Swe) bt D Pérez (Uru), 6-0, 3-6, 7-5, 6-4; P Korda (Cz) bt J Oncins (Br), 8-4, 6-3, 6-3 WOMEN'S SINGLES: Fourth round: C Martinez (Sp) bt L Meskhi (Georgia), 6-4, 7-5; J Capriati (US) bt M Pierce (Fr), 6-4, 6-3; M Bollegral (Neth) bt N Tauzlat (Fr), 6-4 1-6, 6-2. MEN'S DOUBLES: Third round: L

MEN'S DOUBLES: Third round: L David Miller, page 33 Jensen (US) and L Warder (Aus) bt B Garnett (US) and T Svantesson (Swe), 7-6, 6-2; D Adams (Aus) and

ing the war. We have tricked

out in Croatia. Ivanisevic's

tennis and his unequivocal

support for the cause has

been an important factor in

struggle

Ivanisevic, who is from

Split, and his compatriot, Goran Prpic, have taken ev-

ery opportunity to talk about

the war and, while they have consistently condemned the

carnage, they have left no-body in doubt which side

hand, has sat firmly on the fence amid the troubles, an

attitude that has riled

Ivanisevic and strained their

long-standing friendship.

Two days ago. Ivanisevic sug-gested that Seles "didn't

Monica Seles, on the other

With a virtual news black-

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they are on.

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6-2, 6-1: L Savchenko-Neland (Latva) and C Suk (Cz) bt T Whitinger
and P Galbrath (US), 6-2, 6-2: M
Paz (Arg) and D Macpherson (Aus)

when asked in a radio inter-

view who he thought Seles

dence to run its own police

force and which accommo-

dates at least 30 different

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bt G Sabatini (Arg) and C Motta (Br), 7-5, 7-5; N Provis and M Woodforde (Aus) wo C Suire (Fr) and R Bathman (Swe), scr.; L McNeil and B Shelton (US) bt J Novotna (C2) and J Fitzgerald (Aus), 7-5, 6-3; K Rinaldi and R Leach (US) bt M Maleeva (Bul) and L Lavalle (Mex), 4-5, 7-5, 8-6, P Fendick and S Devines (US) bt I Meskhi (Genria) 4-6, 7-5, 8-6, P Fendick and S Devnes (US) bt L Meskht (Georgia) and G Dzelde (Latvia), 6-2, 7-5; M Pierce (Fr) and J Patmer (US) bt G Fernandez and K Jones (US), 6-4, 7-6; R Stubbs and L Warder (Aus) bt M Oremans and J Elimgh (Neth), 7-6, 7-5; M Bollegraf and T Nijssen (Neth) bt P Langrova (Cz) and L Pimek (Bel), 6-3, 6-2.

Ivanisevic and Seles split on their political role Hungarian. Her father, Karoly, is Hungarian and Seles speaks Hungarian

played for allegedly replied within the family, but is also for her black hair". Seles has maintained a sifluent in Serbo-Croat. Vojvodina has largely stayed free from the troubles and, with lence that is either dignified or craven, depending on your relatives still in her home town of Novi Sad, Seles is "She must know what is understandably wary of stir-ring up trouble unnecessagoing on and she must take some responsibility for talk-ing about it." Dusanovic said. "She is the best player

Underlying Ivanisevic's criticism, though, is the in the world and she must say widespread feeling that, like something. We are very dis-appointed with her." Martina Navratilova and lvan Lendl. Seles will forsake Seles, though, is in a more her country and take US citi-zenship. She has been living delicate position than Ivanisevic. She is from Vojvodina. a small enclave within Serbia in Florida for the past six years and would qualify for a that enjoys enough indepenpassport soon on the

grounds of residency. "She doesn't need a US passport," Alex Pasternak editor of a sports magazine Kasparov, the chess player, says, 'Why should I change when I can have the best of east and west?' She is not closing the door if she wishes to come back."

It is a faint hope that she

will be persuaded to return to Yugoslavia. even when she has retired. But the threat that the UN sanctions might spread to individuals as well as teams could finally persuade her that becoming a US citizen would be the safest option.

Meanwhile, Dusanovic is convinced that banning the Yugoslavs from the European football championship. the Olympics and national team events in tennis such as the Davis Cup and Federation Cup will have an immediate and dramatic effect on a people who love their sport. "It is better than stopping the oil, because that is in the future. Sport is now," he

"They don't have a lot of things, but they care deeply about their sport. It's like the Roman Empire. Bread and games. The government is now not giving them either. so pressure will come to change the government."

Tonight, the Croatian and Yugoslav press corps have a dilemma of their own. Do they boycott the special dinner organised by the International Tennis Federation to honour the year's champions. Stefan Edberg and Monica Seles? Some are threatening to do so.

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A nation living at ease with itself

Have the English created a fantasy

France to ease their own cultural

confusion? Stephen Bayley looks for the essential truth of le style français

PASSPORT TO

he maxim "Love France," hate the French" is frequently invoked by Englishmen at a loss to understand the totality of the neighbouring culture. France is a totality, much more so than Britain. Of course, the French have as many social classes as we do, but the difference is that the French class system is cohesive, not divisive: Frenchmen of all backgrounds share similar tastes. To separate the people and their country is to admit defeat in matters of comprehension.

The French have a saying "le style est l'homme" whose sense betrays a national conviction that form and content are not distinct,

but the one the expression of the other. Equally, to speak of le style français, that characteristic collection of habits, forms and manners, the sum of the proclivities and customs of the people, is not affectation, but an eloquent expression of a civilisa-

tion more at ease with itself than ours. The latest evidence of the love/hate schism is Peter Mayle who writes of Provence rather as you would expect of an adman. Mayle loves France and patronises the French. His Ptovence is a saccharin confection. glazed and glossy, sanitised and prettified. He has introduced a whole generation who have never got nearer la France profonde than a trip to the Calais Mammouth or the local Renault dealer to a dazzling narrative of a House and Garden roomset with walk-on parts for the colourful chauffagiste

and the wily chasseur. But Mayle is only the slickest, not the first. In 1935 Winifred Fortescue published Perfume from Provence. Lady Fortesque's style of bemused, beaming, indulgent, patronising superiority anticipates Mayle's similar confection. She wrote of pre-Mayle Provençals.

"They were perfectly maddening, entirely without initiative and quite irresponsible, but they were most

In the half century between Fortescue and Mayle the English have journeyed through real and imaginary France maintaining visions that are precious and distinctive. The France of lovable, but cunning, peasants, of fantasy breakfasts, lunches, colourful markets and dappled sunshine is no less profound because it is not entirely real. The topography of the countries we construct in the imagination speaks volumes about our own: it is worth saying that the love of France which made Peter Mayle a bestseller is a novelty. France, as readers of Smollett and Sterne know, was once regarded as risibly dirty and backward, the French as skulking schemers or dessicated, perfumed high-minded cheats. At Marquise, just outside Calais, Lord Nelson was "... shown an inn — they called it — I should have called it a pigstye: we were shown into a room with two straw beds, and, with great difficulty, they musteredup clean sheets, and gave us two

> O what a transition from happy Eng-land!" The France of Fortescue and Mayle is not the underworld France of Jean Genet or the suburban France of Robert Doisneau, just as ours is not a particularly happy England. It is the

Englishman's France, a great imaginative work created to serve our current emotional needs. France represents what we have lost: in particular, this huge, uncrowded country has a pastoral life which is almost real. It has, or so i seems, traditions of cooking and hospitality which are ignorant of portion control and dedicated to pleasure as much as to nutrition or shelter. It has a national style which is borne of natural convictions, not of concepts fabricated by some wally from the tourist authority.

See a picturesque French village and, if you are lucky, there will be someone there who smokes ham, a farmer who makes cheese, a baker who bakes bread. See a picturesque English village and you just sit it out and wait for the Walls. Dairy Crest and Mother's Pride trucks.

Food is the most complete expression of French style. "Mayonnaise" according to Ambrose Bierce, is . one of the sauces which serve the French in place of a state religion". It is not just because we find their food so delicious that we revere France, but because the attention to food suggests sympathy for day-to-day human endeavour. a respect for normality is the basis of the real French style and this is shared by all classes.

In The Alice B. Toklas Cookbook (1954) Gentrude Stein's famous companion writes: "The French approach to food is characteristic;



The art of life: this famous photograph of Picasso helped to create an image which still speaks eloquently of the French idyll

they bring to their consideration of table the same appreciation, respect, intelligence and lively interest they have for the other arts . . . I have heard working men in Paris discuss the way their wives prepare beef stew as it is cooked in Burgundy, or the way a cabbage is cooked with salt pork and browned

in the oven." France gave us the word élite, but the more you get to know French culture, the more you appreciate that its real quality lies in its ordinariness. "High" French culture is remote, aloof and cold. There are the starchy tropes of Racine, the frigid classicism of Poussin, or the funereal, marmoreal rhythms of Couperin. According to Horace Walpole "The French affect philosophy, literature and

free-thinking". Maybe they did, but we appreciate best the chanteuse or Doisneau's charming, warm pictures of street life. It was Doisneau. the Renault factory photographer. who took the famous picture of Picasso with the bread rolls. Here, in Vallauris, one sunny afternoon. the great Franco-Catalan posed in his pul marin and lent himself to an image which still speaks eloquently of the French Mediterranean idyll. The Madras table cloth. the stoppered bottle of wine, the expectation of wit and serious

encyclopaedia of French meaning

in one dever image.

Of course, there is another sort of French style, the more self-conscious, more arrogant, less assured world of French "design", although it is noteworthy that even today France has fewer celebrity designers than Italy, Germany, or even Britain. Like French classicism, and the culture of the Académies. French design tends to be stilted and aloof (because it is so removed from popular taste). The few personalities who do emerge are eccentric figures. Roger Tallon, for instance, the designer of SNCF's "Corail" locomotives and the man who gave the TGV its distinctive snoot, or Olivier Mourgue, the polyurethane furniture designer of the Sixties whose futuristic shapes so impressed Stanley Kubrick that he used Mourgue's furniture in

but they are oddities. Design is not an institution in France. This is because in France ordinary things tend to be so excellent that the application of superior aesthetic intelligence to them is neither necessary nor possible. You might be very proud of your Roger Tailon Lipp watch, your Olivier Mourgue airport furniture, your stylised Starck toothbrush or Ms Putnam's monochrome interior. but they do not compare in quality

2001. Or more recently, Andrée

Putnam. These are great names,

or humanity to the vernacular things which your neighbours own: lived like this. a Duralex glass, simple white Apileo crockery, a Bic pen, a VeloSolex, a Citroën 2CV. The little

Citroën is surely the most complete single statement of "le style français": an automobile designed solely to satisfy certain demands of functional transport, but one which does so with great charm and with unforced style. In contrast to the triumphs of French vernacular, "high" French design appears absurd, not least

because it is so arch and often so uncomfortable. A sense of simple luxury is fundamental to the style of France: even Le Corbusier's most severe machine age furniture of the Twenties had, with its plump leather cushions or its pony skin, a luxurious character. There is this sense, too, in Doisneau's Picasso, so powerfully suggestive of an earthy sort of luxe, calme et volupté, the ingredients of a perfect holiday. For the English, France means holidays with all the bitter-sweet associations they have. The very idea of France produces pleasure because it summons up what the sociolo-gists call "anticipatory social-isation". Think of France and you don't think of HLM projects in Nanterre or Argenteuil, but of oven-warm baguettes, fresh basil and delicious, rough wine. You think of baking in the sun after

lunch. You think maybe Picasso

You think, too, of everything associated with eating and travel. More than anything else the Michelin guides summarise le style français: the reconciliation of food and motoring is one of the century's great cultural achievements and one that is distinctively French. Although France gave us the terms "chic" and "haute couture" these are only remote, tinselly peaks of French culture. If you want to understand French style, you don't want to go to a boutique or a conturier, but to bury yourself in the Michelin rouge, both a guide to and a symbol of the country and

Michelin is based on practical. systematic research presented to the reader in an elegantly, no-nonsense

culture it represents.

It has a national style borne of natural convictions, not of concepts fabricated by some wally from the tourist board

way. In this it is characteristically French. Above all, the Michelin guides are useful. They employ a symbology which is wilful and eccentric, but workable. The important thing to understand about Michelin is that its recommendations represent a total culture. Naturally, there are gradations in Michelin's assessment of restaurants and hotels, but the meanest little hôtel de passe in Toulon is connected to the awesome Crillon by a shared set of values and each has its place on the national spectrum of quality.

ost of all, Michelin conjures up for mapreading voyeurs that special magic of France that creates such an elegiac longing in the English. Le style français is not some precious essay in the peculiar furniture of Philippe Starck or the austerely mediagenic interiors of Andree Putnam, or whomsoever Marie Claire is photographing this month, but maps, systems and the prospect of a delicious lunch, which is connected to dinner by a journey in a comfortable car. This will be something useable, but also something adventurously designed. Today it might be a Citroen XM, but in the imagination it would always be a Citroen DS. For the post-war generation, life

has very few things more to offer than being in France one sunny afternoon. We have just had lunch. somewhere in La Correze and now there is the prospect of a long drive to a late dinner in La Baule. The sun is shining and it is hot, but our last meal has relaxed us, as fine food always does. The big Cîtroën lopes along the fast, straight roads.
The seats are comfortable, the suspension pliant. In France, real luxury is an everyday thing.

Maybe if someone else is driving we are flicking through the latest Jean-François Revel and musing on what characterises French style. Michelin rouge and all it stands for, certainly. A big Citroen, without question. French style is like a bidet, something at once odd, but also very convenient. Le style français is not something narrow, limited and self-conscious. French style is an attitude to ordinary things. Love France, love life.

TOMORROW

Flavour is all: Frances Bissell, the Times cook, on French food

Isn't that our tune they're playing, my lord?

pleasure: Doisneau captured an

T ow what am I supposed to do? Without so much as a by-your-leave or a quiet bargaining session in chambers. the new Lord Chief Justice of England has swiped half my list. 1 was always going to have Sidney Bechet playing Petite Fleur. The trio "Soave sia il vento" from Cosi Fan Tutte has been my record number five for three years, since it was played at my father's funeral: and Fats Waller's solo piano has always been one of my essential accompaniments, figuring on every list for the last twenty years.

Lord Taylor of Gosforth included every one of these choices for his Desert Island sojourn last week: and then, not content with that unlicensed cribbing, he collared Wur and Peace as his book. It makes you wonder whether somebody has been reading my mail or listening to my telephone conversations. His Lordship graciously did not intrude upon my choices of Big Bill Broonzy, Miles Davis and an evening raga from northern Punjah. Even so, I can see that I'm going to have to tear up my list and start all over again because, if the call does ever come, that disciplinarian chit Ms Lawley is bound to say, "Come, come, my Lyndon: do to be original: it's unbecoming

Middle age is a dangerous time for dottiness. An obsession with Desert Island Discs - or DID, as we fruitcakes are wont to call it may be one of the more harmless symptoms of the onward rush of senescence but it can be worrying all the same: if you don't look out, you might end up like Richard Ingrams, who seems to feel that the choice of presenter for DID is a more crucial and sensitive decision than the appointment of Lord Chief Justice. If you catch yourself mourning for the lost Plomley more than once a month, you may consider yourself unduly close to

Herbert Morrison, it is said, paradise at Broadcasting House.

the records Morrison might have chosen, imagining them to consist largely of the massed pipes of the LCC waterworks or the sound of London Transport buses running on time; but I would have loved to know his choice of luxury: would it have been the gift of ten minutes as Prime Minister? Or the skin of

the bath-chair at the funny farm. carried his list of discs in his wallet until the day he died and no failure or disappointment in his life grieved him more than the absence of an invitation to that distant

I never felt much curiosity about

The older I get, the more I find

MID-LIFE

Neil Lyndon finds himself sharing a desert island



that I worry about the luxury. Until

I was mugged by Lord Taylor last week, my choice of music had remained largely settled for nearly a decade; but I have been dithering in a restless quandary over the luxury; and this torment has been deepened late by Ms Lawley's increasing tendency to question or even to refuse her castaways'

Ms Lawley's regrets began when

John Major wanted a full-size replica of the Oval cricket ground on his desert island, complete with bowling machine. Lawley clucked and hemmed and said she wasn't quite sure it could be allowed. The most powerful man in Britain just

Then she got all game-wardenish about a castaway's desire for a stretch of good fly-fishing water. "We'll have to start cracking down on these property developments." she said. Most recently, she pursed her lips over Michael Grade's innocent request to have Alan Bennen's reading of The Wind in the Willows for his book.

Well. I mean: lighten up. Ms Lawley, will you? What, after all, is the point of receiving the highest honour in our national life if it doesn't bring with it the complete fulfilment of fantasy and desire? Roy Plomley might cavil but he would never refuse: ah, how we

I couldn't make up my mind whether I wanted every movie produced in Hollywood from 1917 to the present day or the Rembranct self-portrait in the National Gallery in Washington. Each choice involved terrible problems. chiefly of storage.

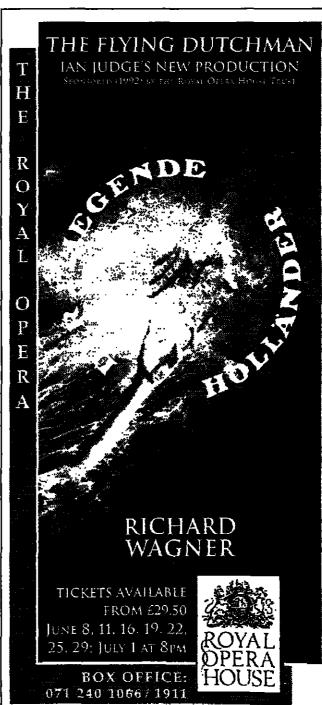
How would you keep all that old celluloid cool enough to prevent it from exploding? How would you keep the oils and canvas of the Rembrandt sale from the sun and the wind? Dear, dear; Such

With Sue Lawley in her present mood of negation, exercising the non placet at every turn, you know that you might as well not bother to give the luxury any serious thought. She will only consent to something mundane like a solar-powered lap-top or a swimming pool full of champagne. The Lord Chief Justice asked for a grand piano (do try to be original, my Lord).

Even then, Lawley found cause for nitpicking: he could only have it. she said, if he promised not to live beneath it. His Lordship was puzzled: why would anybody seek shelter under a grand piano, was the apparent tone of his reply.

I think I'm going to have to issue a warning. If Sue Lawley carries on like this about the luxury, I'm not sure that I shall want to go. Without prejudice. I offer this settlement to Olivia Seligman, producer of DID: I'll tear up my list and try to forget all about it and you can strike my name off the register of those you are just about to call. Deal?

Don't say that it was never going to cross your mind to call: you wouldn't want to hurt a dotty old



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THE PHILHARMONIA. Semyon Bychkov conducts the Philharmonia with Radu Lupu, plano. The performance includes Wagner's Prelude to Die granns Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (071-928 8800). Tonigh

MY FAIR LADY: The Letter and Loews musical gets an innigorating new look from stage designer David Fielding (echoing his work with English Nation techning its work of significant in the control of the control of

Playhouse Theatre, 18 Greenside Playhouse Theatre, 18 Greenside Place, Edmburgh (031-557 2692) Tonight-June 13, 7.30pm, Mats, Wed,

ANGELA FLOWERS: When all about are losing thems, Howers East, the East End home of the Angela Rowers End home of the Angela Howers Gallery, has seized the opportunity offered by the recession to acquire was new additional premises. They are immediately opposite the present galery and comprise loss galery spaces on three Boors. The first section to open is on the ground floor, with a show of Net Jeffrier's quirty painted alumnium sculptures, white Flowers East constitute with paraphore by Jeff Forth aumnum scuppures, whee nowers as continues with paintings by Jack Smith and prints by Prunella Clough Angela Howers Gallery at London Fields, 282 Richmond Road, London Ef (081-985 3333). Tues-Sun, 10am-6pm, opens today until July 26.

SIBSON TO GILBERT: The Fine Art Society's long-standing commitment to the "New Societure" of the late 19th century has expressed itself recently in their acquisition en bloc of one of the

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m ANGELS IN AMERICA: Trailing performances in Tony Kushiner's lasonating state-of-the-Union drama on Aids, religion, politics, everything. National (Cottesloe), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252), Torright, tomorrow, 7.15pm, mat today, 1.30pm, 210mins.

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Philip Madoc in Trevor Nunn's ntoxicating production: the angel of desire becomes the demon of

destruction. Globe, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5065). Mon-Sat. 7.30pm, mats

women priests and other contemporary issues in a play, some have hated.

others have cheered.

Albery Theatre, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-867 1115). Mon-Sat, 8pm,

Richard Jones's 50-50 production, with Timothy Spall as a boorish hero. Fine visuals, fithul comedy. National (Lythalton), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight, tomorrow,

CERCEAU: Warm and elegiac

7.45pm, mais Thurs, 2.30pm, Sat,

☑ DEATH AND THE MAIDEN: Ane

Dorfman's scorching psychological drama on the longing for revenge: Geraldine James and Paul Freeman

join Michael Byrne in this best play of

the year.
Duke of York's, St Martin's Lane,
WC2 (071-836 5122). Mon-Sat, 8pm,
mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 4pm, 120mins.

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Wed, Sat, 3pm, 150mins.

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major private collections of British sculpture between 1840 and 1914. All the big names are present in this important show — Gilbert Bayes, George Frampton, Alfred Gilbert, Goscombe John, Hamo Thompcoolt — along with visitors to Britain fice. Carpeaux and Dafou, and occasional but highly expressive sculptors such as Ficketts. It is very clear why the British were great private patrons of sculpture then, and a mystery why the habit faded after 1914. Plane Arts Society, 148 New Bond St. London WI (071-629 5116), Mort-Fn. 9 30am-5 30pm, Sat, 10am-1 pm., opens today until July 2.

JOAN ARMATRADING: This versatile performer has just released her 15th album but the warm, distinctive voice sounds as fresh as ever. She is ably

supported by emotive singer/song/ Martyn Joseph. The tour continues Martyn Joseph. The tour communes through tune. Polytechnic, Lecester (0533 555576), tomght, 8pm. Keele University, Stoke (0782 711411), tomorrow, 7.30pm. Woughton Centra, Milton Keynes (0908 660392), Thurs, 7.30pm. University of East Anglia, Norwich (0603 505401), Fri, 7,30pm. Queen's Hall, Bradford (0274

MARYLEBONE MUSIC FESTIVAL: The first concert at the series, "A Singularity of Voice", is a celebration for Coronation Day and an opportunity to hear the three counter-tenors, James Bowman, Michael Chance and Charles

Brest, perform together. The concert will include works by Guy Westz, Purcell, Arne, Handel and Walton. Next Tuesday, a concert green by the Allegri Sung Quartet features. St Marylebone Church, Marylebone Road, NW1 (071-413 1443). Torught, 7.45pm, next Tues, 7.45pm. TODAY'S EVENTS A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Heather Alston

STEVLE WONDER: The soul supremo answar wowners the sour supremo embarks on his "Natural Wonder" four designed to dispense with hype and high-tech in order to "let the music speak", as he puts it. He performs with his band and the Royal Philharmonic

Orchestra. Wembley Arena, London (081-900 1234). Today, tomorrow, 7_30pm. BALLET DU RHIN: Sadier's Wells is presenting the British debut of this French company, based in Strasbour Hence company, asset in suspensions. The two-week passon, which begins toright, features a reconstruction of the original choreography and score of La Fille mal gardée, which has undergone many changes since it was first performed in Bordeaux in 1789. The second programme includes Anto Tudor's classic Dark Begies; Hawks Lament, which was created by the modern French dancemaker Claude Brumachon in the mid-Eighbes; and Camival of the Animals, a work by the thoreographer Oscar Arasz from Argentina. Sadler's Wells, Rosebery Avenue, London EC1 (071-278 8916), Tues-Sat,

PLIGHT TO FINLAND: The Right Size theatre company continues at BAC with Fight to Finland. The physical theatre company uses acrobatics, magic and music to create a surreadst world. In this work, directed by Jos Houben, a footish trio set sail with a Irench hom nilister.

pläyer. BAC, Lavender Hill, London SW11 (071-223 2223). Opens tonight until Sac, 8pm.

☐ THE ALCHEMIST: David Bradley and Jonathan Hyde nimbly conning the town in Sam Mendes's very furniy production of Jonson's satire.

Barblean, Salk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891). Tonight, 7,30pm. 135mins. THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London ■ House full, returns only ☑ Some seats available ☐ Seats at all prices

by Philip Rickey, with characters name Foxorot, Darling and Sherbert Gravel. Entertaining moments. Hampstead, Swiss Cottage Centre, NW3 (071-722 9301). Mon-Sat, 8pm,

27 HEARTBREAK HOUSE: Paul Scofield and Vanessa Redgrave head Trevor Nurn's splendid cast in Shaw's prefess, state-of-England drama. Theatre Royal, Haymarket, SWI (071-930 8800) Mon-Sat, 7-30pm, mats Wed, Sat. 2.30pm, 225mins

IN THE MIDNIGHT HOUR: Non-LI IN THE MIDNIGHT HOUR: Non-stop, irresistibly dance-worthy exocation of the joys of Shties soul music and aspiring to "cool" mod status. Philip Ryan's 1987 script has been rewritten for a Young Vic company on top form. Young Vic, 66 The Cut, SE1 (071-928 6363). Mon-Sat, 7-30pm, mat Sat, 2.30pm 165mms. THE MAN OUTSIDE Promising

E1 He MAN OUTSIDE: Promising Expressions drama by Wolfgang Borchart, set in Hamburg 1945 to which a copporal returns from the Russian front. Chelsea Centre Theatre, World's End Place, King's Road, SW10 (071-352 1967).Tues-Sat, 8pm, until June 13.

☐ A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM: Theatre in the Park season reopens with rewal of last year's success; new cast includes Dinsdale Landen as Bottom. Open Air Theatre, Regent's Park, NW1 (071-486 2431). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 2.30pm. 180mins.

☐ PYGMALION: Alan Howard, Frances Barber in a Howard Davies production that some admire greatly while others feel subordinates the text to a clever design. National (Olivier), South Bank, SE1

(071-928 2252). Today-Thurs, 7.15pm, mat tomorrow, 2pm. 195mins. ZITHE RULES OF THE GAME: Richard Griffiths and Nicola Pagett in Pirandello's sardonic study of marital revenge; not as sulphurous as it could be but still a gripping drama. Almeida, Almeida Street, N1 (071-359 4404). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm.

> ☐ A SLIP OF THE TONGUE: A wolfish John Maltovich in a lightweight drama that seems to equate East-European dissidence with getting girls into bed. Shaftesbury, Shaftesbury Avenue, WC2 (071-379 5399). Mon-Thurs, 8pm, Fri, fipm and 9pm, Sat, 4.30pm and 8.30pm. 150mms.

> ☑ A WOMAN KILLED WITH KINDNESS: Michael Maloney and Saska Reeves in an Eirabethan domestic ragedy packed with reling details. The Pit, Barbican Centre, Silk Street, EC2 (071–638 8991) Today, tomorrow, 7 30cm 180vins. 7.30pm, 180mins

LONG RUNNERS: Aspects of Lowe: Prince of Wales (071-839 5972)

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NEW RELEASES

THE ADJUSTER (18): Atom Egoyan's usual tale of voyeursm, fantasy and displaced persons; visually seductive but hollow. Elias Kotias, Arsinée Khanjian. Metro (071-437 0757)

THE MAMBO KINGS (15): Smartly mounted but simplistic version of Oscar Hjuelos' novel about Cuban musiciars in New York. Armand Assante, Antonio Banderss, director, Arme Glimcher, MGM Fulham Road (071-370 2636) MGM Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148) MGM Trocadero (071-434 0031) UCI Whitaleys (071-792 3332)

MEDICINE MAN (PG). Embittered biochemot (Sean Connery) and cry-baby assistant (Lorraine Bracco) struggle to find cancer cure up the Amazon, As bad as it sounds. Director, John McTiernan. Barbican (071-638 2891) MGM Chelsea (071-352 5096) Odeons: Kensington (0426 914666) West End (0426 915574) UCI Whiteleys (071-792

RUBY (15): Danny Aielo as the smal-brie gangster who shot Lee Harvey Osvald. A tame film compared to "FFK", but good performances. Odeon West End (0426 915574) CURRENT

 BASIC INSTINCT (18): San Francisco detective Michael Douglas and ice-pick murder suspect Sharon Stone ride a control present state of the state sordid psycho-sexual rollercoaster. Carnden Plaza (071-485 2443) MGM Camden Plaza (071-495 2443) MGM Baker Street (071-935 9772) MGM Chelson (071-352 5096) Notting Hill Coronet (071-727 6705) Odeons: Kensington (0426 915683) Murble Arch (0426 914501) Screen on the Green (071-226 9320) UCI Whiteleys (071-792 3332).

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DEF BY TEMPTATION (18): Succubus entraps a theology student. Stylesh, amusing, all-black vampire yarn from whiter-director-star James Bond III; with

Cynthia Bond. Prince Charles (071-437 8181). DON'T TELL MOM THE BABYSITTER'S DEAD (12): Children make hay while mom is away. Muddled comedy for adolescents. Christina Applegate, Joanna Casady, director, Stephen Month.

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EUROPA, EUROPA (15): Jewish boy saves his life by posing as an Aryan German. Decent if superficial rendition of a true warmure story from writer-director Agrieszka Holland, Odeon Kensington (0426 914666) Screen on the HRI (071-435 3366).

◆ THE HAND THAT ROCKS THE ◆ THE HAND THAT ROCKS THE CRADLE (15): Psychotic nariny (Rebecca De Mornay) wreaks revenge on a squeaky-clean family. Formula thriller with robust acting. Annabella Sciorra; director, Curtis Harson Camden Parkway (071-267 7034) MGM Cheisea (071-352 5096) MGM Oxford Street (071-436 0310) MGM Trocadero (071-434 0031) Odeons: sington (0426 914666) zanine (0426 915683) UCI levs (071-792 3332).

HOWARDS END (PG): Absorb version of E.M. Forster's novel about two colliding families with different ideals. With Anthony Hopkins, Bonham-Carter, Vanessa Redigrave. Director, James Nory. Curzon Mayfair (071-465 8865) Curzon Phoenix (071-240 9661).

JACQUOT DE NANTES (PG): Magical recreation of director Jacques Demy's wartime childhood in Brittarry, lovingly made by his widow Agnès Varda. MGM Swiss Centre (071-439 4470)

THE LONG DAY CLOSES (12): Terence Davies's powerful evocation of childhood's lost paradise. With Leigh McCormack, Marjorie Yates, and a wonderful aural collage of Fifties Britain Curzon West End (071-439 4805)

◆ MEMORS OF AN INVISIBLE MAN (PG): Crooked CIA agent huns down an invisible Chevy Chase fumbled semi-comedy with good special effects. Director, John Carpenter, with Davyl Harnah, Sam Neil. namar, 32m ress. MGM Haymarket (071-839 1527) MGM Oxford Street (071-636 0310) MGM Trocadero (071-434 0031) UC Whiteleys (071-792 3332).

WAYNE'S WORLD (PG): Suburban WATNETS WORLD (PG): Suburban teenagers tangle with brg-time television. Feeble, silly vehicle for Mike Myers and Dana Carvey, comedians from America's Saturday Night Live. Empire (071-497 9999) MGM Baker Street (071-395 9772) MGM Baker Street (071-395 9772) MGM Fulham Road (071-370 2639) MGM Trocadero (071-434 0031) UCI Whitaleys (071-792 3332). ROCK

Lights, cameras and Achtung

WITH typical strength of purpose and guile. U2 have forestalled the backlash which began gathering momentum with their Rattle and Hum album in 1988. Their efforts to counter the perception of them as a remote. stadium goliath began with the release last year of the comparatively left-field Achtung Baby. The strategy of performing once only, at an indoor venue, in each town visited on the current "Zoo TV" world tour has further enhanced their credibility, while generating added excitement because of the intense demand for tickets. Bono's apologies towards the end of the show, for the ordeal which most people had endured in order to purchase a ticket, rang slightly hollow to those involved.

But nowhere is the group's recent change of tack more apparent than in the new-look live show itself. Whereas in the past, U2 have employed only the most simple of visual and theatrical effects to illustrate their music, here the stage was dressed with an arsenal of television screens and overhung by seven psychedelic Trabant cars, con-

verted into eccentric lighting pods.

During the opening number, "Zoo Station", the audience was bombarded by a flood of hazy, disconnected images. Then, during "The Fly", a succession of words and tendentious slogans such as "We Are All a Part of the Malaise" and "Celebrity is a Job", flashed up, teasing and engaging the attention almost as much as the music.

As a signifier of the modern media overload, this was a neat if unoriginal ploy, but the net effect was distracting as much as it was entertaining. There was a nagging feeling that the transfor-mation of U2's uncluttered style of presentation into this arty, self-conscious extravaganza had not been accomplished without loss of focus.

For the next 45 minutes or so, they LAST week, "Take Six" was the slogan

advertised for successive triple bills by the Scottish Ballet and its touring group, Scottish Ballet 2, at the Tramway. Both had good houses. Obviously the difficulty reported by ballet managements lately in selling mixed programmes of modern works is at least partly a matter of venue and marketing. The Tramway, a former industrial

building, has been simply and effectively converted for exhibition space and a theatre. The large stage makes a good area for dancing and a keen audience has been built by consistent although varied programming. Both companies had two new works,

in each case a plotless ballet and one based on Shakespeare. One of the choreographers is unknown south of the border: Amanda Miller, a member of William Forsythe's Frankfurt company. Brief, her second work for the Scottish Ballet, is set to a group of Bach canons, recorded on period instruments by Musica Antiqua in

THE Berlin Radio Symphony Orchestra gave of its keenest at the Festival Hall on Thursday. I liked its no-frills sound, the honest quality of the wind, the slightly wooden tinge to the horns, the freshness of the strings. It is no Berlin Philharmonic but that is no bad thing. That illustrious orchestra would be hard put to match the windblown impetuosity in Schumann's "Genoveva" overture, which the con-ductor, Vladimir Ashkenazy, seemed to have imported directly from his piano playing.

Startlingly, the dramatic opening of Brahms's Third Symphony was treated in the same manner, so that for a disconcerting moment or two I thought we were listening to something by Richard Strauss (his Also Sprach Zarathustra was given after the interval). Ashkenazy's performance settled down a little after this, and though the middle movements in particular seemed curiously unshapely, in the finale Ashkenazy showed a new, mus-

Earls Court

worked their way at a leisurely pace through most of Achtung Baby. Bono. dressed in shiny black leather, clumped around while The Edge with his head swathed in the customary tea-towel, maintained a modest presence. his guitar playing confined mainly to his chiming riff and rhythm work, with only an occasional burst of noise poured like scalding liquid into the moulds of "Until The End of the World" and "Bullet The Blue Sky".

Bono, too, performed with fewer histrionics and a greater sense of irony than in the past. This did not stop him hugging and kissing the imperturbable bassist Adam Clayton, spraying champagne all over the place like a rock 'n' roll version of Nigel Mansell, and hauling the obligatory young woman from the audience for a dreamy clinch during "Trying to Throw Your Arms Around the World". She was then entrusted with a handheld camera and as she videoed the band, so her efforts were relayed on the screens above the stage.

Changing pace, the four musicians relocated to a smaller stage, set halfway back in the middle of the audience. With drummer Larry Mullen banging about on a set of congas, they performed a cheerful, busker-like version of "Angel of Harlem". This was the cue for the hi-tech trickery to wind down and a parade of comfortable old favournes to get underway, among them "Pride (In the Name of Love)" and Where the Streets Have No Name", during which Bono sang the first verse in the deadpan style of Neil Tennant of Pet Shop Boys, who enjoyed a hit with the song last year.



Less histrionic than before? Bono of U2 on stage at Earls Court

Bono returned for an encore of 'Desire" wearing a gold lame suit and cowboy hat, acting the part of a grossly narcissistic caricature with little apparent difficulty, while pictures of Richard Nixon. Margaret Thatcher and Gazza flashed up on the screens and showers

of (presumably) fake bank-notes rained down from the ceiling. The message was not hard to spot, but like the rest of this show, the medium was a little surplus to requirements

DAVID SINCLAIR

DANCE

Six of the better

ing numbers of dancers. anything from one up to the full complement of

Scottish Ballet Tramway, Glasgow

eight. The dancers use conventional ballet steps set in a frame of ordinary walking, running or standing, almost always with some slight displacement to add a personal quality. The invention and the patterning hold the attention without needing any showoff exhibitionism: the work reveals the dancers as individuals through their control and concentration.

Scottish Ballet 2 had to push much harder with Wild Life 1, set by Neville Campbell (formerly of Phoenix Dance) to a buzzing rock score by Rhythm Street Apparently unfazed by having to adjust to being one man short uniough mility, the Gancers kept their

work should be compared not with Brief, which would make it seem shallow, but with Robert North's Troy Game, all fun and macho exhibitionism, which served a similar applause-rousing pur-

programme. The two Shakespeare works adopt opposite approaches. Kenneth Mac-Millan's Sea of Troubles offers a shifting, allusive pattern of themes from Hamlet in which dancers shuffle roles repeatedly, each character played by different people. sometimes simultaneously. The effect may be hazy. but many episodes show MacMillan at his most inventive and illuminating.

pose at the end of the main company's

He staged it last year for the smaller group; this time the larger company To this gentle music she sets a exhilarating energy going in quick presented it, although with some of the sustained web of movement for shift- relays for 15 minutes. To be fair, this same dancers, among whom Richard

Whistler seems ideally cast as Hamler Micaela Greganti is the most affecting of the Ophelias and Ruth Robinson (who also stood out in Brief) made a singularly assiduous Gertrude.

Tough luck on Scottish Ballet 2 that their new acquisition. Andre Prokovsky's Macheth, is ploddingly literal by comparison. He tries to tell a filleted version of the complete play with a mixture of classical solos, impassioned duets, some twisted poses, much conventional mime and a few passages of recorded speech. In spite of occasional moments (Banquo's slow-motion death, for instance), it grows equally tiresome whether in longwinded literal scenes or in attempts to brighten things_up with a couple of jesters in the old king's entourage.

David Earl's specially written score might work with a full orchestra but sounds dreary when hammered out of the piano. Another Prokovsky ballet, That Centain Feeling to Gershwin music, also suffered in this respect but showed both choreographer and dancers to better effect.

JOHN PERCIVAL

CONCERTS

A hail and a farewell

BRSO/Ashkenazy.

cular determination. Even here, orchestral balance was left to chance rather than carefully calculated, while passion

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won the struggle between itself and intellect, which meant that ultimately we were unable to see into the heart of this music At the heart of Ravel's Piano Trio is

the paradox of three instruments sounding so fulsome and ranging through a wide palette of colour. It is not the most obvious candidate, therefore, for orchestration. Nevertheless, Yan Pascal Tortelier has been working on his orchestration of the work for several years, and the results were unveiled in an excellent performance

on Friday at Belfast's Ulster Hall in Tortelier's final concert as the music director of that city's Ulster Orchestra.

I thought in the first movement that Tortelier had put too many instrumental eggs into his orchestral basket too quickly but the middle movements, the brilliant Pantoum and the richly but carefully scored Passacaille, showed a sensitive ear. Extravagance returned in the Finale, which at times sounded more like Debussy than Ravel.

How long the orchestration's shelf life will be, and how widely it will be disseminated, one cannot know. But Tortelier has clearly undertaken a labour of love, and this was a

thoughtful farewell present, introduced with his customary Gallic charm, for his fiercely loyal Belfast audience and his orchestra. That now enters an uncertain period under the Chinese-born conductor En Shao, a relatively unknown quantity who has been appointed its music director from an assistant's post at the BBC Philharmonic, where Tortelier is bound.

After the interval Mikhail Rudy joined in the celebrations with a splashy account of Ravel's Piano Concerto for the Left Hand, and Tortelier made his final exit - guest appearances excepted of course - with a half-encore of the same composer's La Valse. The complete performance had far more closely matched the intended spirit of the work than Weiser-Möst's with the LPO earlier in the week, although both orchestras were equally impressive as regards technical excellence.

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Variety show at the Barbican

John Russell Taylor enjoys the odd assortment of art and artefacts in an exhibition drawn from

the rich collections of the Corporation of London

he art collections of old and distin and distinguished families usuresemble a natchwork quilt, so why should one expect anything else of a city's collection? The collections of the Corporation of London, niled for the major new show at the Barbican Art Gallery. The Celebrated City. have grown up in a haphazard fashion, dependant on the whim of unlikely benefactors and arbitrary bursts of purchasing, and that is precisely the image conveyed.

But then, there are more important things than consistency. Consistent collections can be immaculately boring. while arbitrariness and eccentricity frequently come up trumps. So it is here. The lower floor concentrates on paintings, while the upper is more consistently tied to the City itself, its history and its ritual objects. This means a lot of silver and gold plate, rather more remarkable for its constituents and its glitter than for seriously estimable design, and quite a number of charters and deeds and such, which will mean more to the historian than to the general observer. (Of course the City's charter from William the Conqueror. dated 1067, can still stir the

imagination a little.) Along with the documents, however, are some exquisite illuminated manuscripts and works of art which also have some arguable documentary value, however shamelessly romanticised. Frank Top-ham's Rescued from the Plague, for instance, may not be a ruthlessly accurate picture of the way things were, but on the level of Forever Amber it still packs a very creditable punch. Nor. perhaps, can we take Philip de Loutherberg's spirited aquatint of Old St Paul's being consumed by the Great Fire as authentic testimony, since it was not made

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Other upper-floor oddities include Frank Beresford's A Hurricane at the Guildhall. which commemorates an exhibition of 1943 which included the fighter plane of that name in the lorecourt, and a number of rather lacklustre 20th-century depictions of state occasions, such as the Coronation Luncheon of George V and Queen Mary at the Guildhall in 1911 (Solomon J. Solomon) and the presentation of the Freedom of the City to HRH Princess Elizabeth in 1947 (William Dring).

Downstairs it is all for art.

This means in practice two

major gift/bequests, complete-ly unrelated to each other or

'Consistent collections can be boring, but arbitrariness and eccentricity often appeal'

anything else around, and the fruits of the Corporation's great bout of acquisition, by various means, in the late 19th-early 20th centuries to furnish the Guildhall Gallery with a collection of modern art worthy of the greatest city in the British Empire.

The first bequest encountered is the most recent, the Harold Samuel Collection left by Lord Samuel of Wych Cross in 1987. This, though described by one London art dealer as "the greatest art bequest this century", will, for many visitors, come under the general heading of consistent but dull, and so the Barbican Gallery seems to think, to judge by the way the 83 17thcentury Dutch paintings have been stacked on the walls.

Admittedly spirits are lifted by an occasional highlight. The most famous and presumably valuable picture in the whole bequest is the Frans

Hals Merry Lute Player, though even that, for all its merriness, is predominately brown. The de Hooch Interior with Woman Knitting is more cheerfully coloured, and stands out from its crowded context as few others do: though the names are sometimes impressive, the works by the Bruegel/Brueghels, Teniers the Younger. Aelbert Cuyp and others need to be much more individually showcased in order to emerge from this universal brown study.

If the tonality of this bequest is predominantly dark, the Manhew Smith gift goes to the other extreme. A collection of works left in Smith's studio was given to the Corporation by his daughter, possibly in the hope that they might be given a permanent exhibition space of their own. A changing selection is generally on show on the upper floor here.

For the present show they have been moved down, and carefully selected to leave only the best visible. The result is that visitors are engulfed by an almost tropical wave of colour: flowers, fruit and the capacious form of one of Smith's favourite models, the painter Vera Cunningham.

n between Dutch gloom and Post-Impressionist glitter comes the Victorian collection. Though it has not been exhibited as a whole since the bombing of the Guildhall Gallery, generous selections have appeared intermittently in the interim. Those chosen this time include Edward J. Poynter's DeMilleish Israel in Egypt, still in real terms possibly the highest-priced painting ever sold off the easel, and Edward Armitage's similarly proto-cin-ematic Herod's Birthday Feast, the subject of which is presumably Salome's Dance (featuring a very hefty and dusky Salome), even if the artist is too delicate to tell us.

There are also several more paintings like Rescued from the Plague, designed to im-



Exquisite gift: The Music Lesson by Frederick Leighton was presented to the Corporation of London in 1925

press upon youthful minds an acceptable version of 1066 and All That: notably W.S. Burton's The Wounded Cavalier (wrong but romantic/right but repulsive) and Richard Burchett's spirited King Edward IV Pursuing Lancastrian Fugitives in a Church, demonstrating what beasts those Yorkists were when they really got started.

Happily there is a sufficiency of seriously good works as well, including the cream of the City's Pre-Raphaelites - though a few years ago they too would have been tarred with the same brush as the potted history. Now, however, Millais's The Woodman's Daughter, despite the girl's rather evidently rethought and repainted head, looks like one of the finest of those early PRB works in which every blade of grass was painted with the same nightmarish and unnatural precision, all in the cause

Rossetti's La Ghirlandata is a different matter, too late

really to be regarded as Pre-Raphaelite in that sense at all, but a masterpiece of dreamy voluptuousness. One of the most truly Pre-Raphaelite works is not by a member of the Brotherhood at all, but that does not disqualify the Scot William Dyce's meticulous George Herbert at Bemerion from being one of the most memorable pictures

The rest of this indeterminate area between Hals and Smith extends the mixed bag

of gifts and even, very occasionally, purchases. Someone gave Leighton's exquisite The Music Lesson as late as 1925, when it can hardly have seemed any big deal. Unpredictability is the collection's strong suit, and that is all quite as it should be.

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ARTS BRIEF

Cutting **Carver**

RIDING high after the success of his film *The Player* (due to open in London in July), the director Robert Altman has now announced an ambitious new project which recalls the teeming canvas of Nashville. Short Cuts will feature 28 major characters in blue-collar Los Angeles, whose lives, Altman says, "criss-cross and touch each other and sometimes don't". The film is based on Raymond Carver's short

Copland premiere BALLET music by the late Aaron Copland, composed in 1925 but never performed. Aldeburgh Festival this month by the London Sinfonietta under Oliver Knussen, who traced the score to the Library of Congress in Washington DC. Titled Grohg, and much influenced by the German expressionist film. Nosferatu. the ballet was planned to include a magician-vampire, dead bodies that dance, an opium-eater and assorted onstage coffins. It was composed while Copland was studying in Paris in the hope of getting Diaghilev's interest, and he always nursed a wistful regret that it never reached the stage. Grohg will have its first performance at The Maltings.

Aldeburgh on June 20.

Last chance . . . VIKTOR SLAVKIN'S Cerceau won Moscow Best Play Award in 1985 before the words perestroika and glasnost entered common parlance, yet it boldly suggested the charms of Tsarist Russia. A group of 1980s forty-something friends visit the dacha that one of them has inherited and discover. among other things, the prerevolutionary game cerceau, which is something like quoits or horseshoes. The play is elegiac, sometimes leisurely but the acting in Adrian Brine's production at the Orange Tree, Richmond (081-940 3633), is spot on and vibrant with nuances that now make 1985 seem almost as remote as 1917. Final performance is on Saturday.

RADIO REVIEW

Brushing up your Spanish sweeps all else aside

f this isn't too much trouble. I wonder if it might be at all possible to ensure that the Olympic Games and the World Fair are never given to the same counmy, in the same year, again. This can hardly have escaped your attention, but for those who have been locked in the lavatory for the past six months, both Expo 92 and the Olympics are taking place in Spain this year, and radio is taking the whole thing so seriously that I am beginning to speak with a "th".

Please do not think me Hispanophobic - some of my best sunstrokes have been Spanish - but I cannot wait for an entire day to pass on Radio 3 without being told ahout ancient courtship rituals in "Thiveeyur", or the culinary idiosyncrasies of five people living in a particular street in the top lefthand corner of "Barthelona".

This has not been possible since this column last appeared because we have been living in what Radio 3 decreed should be Andaiusia Week. and the trouble with Weeks is that they take seven days, to get through. Even by Radio 3's standards this has meant scraping barrels hidden from sight for generations — for example, how much do you need to know about The Legacy of Gerald Brenan (Fridays, in which Third Ear in Andalusia invited his biographer. Jonathan Gathorne-Hardy, to analyse the author's reputation?

And forgive me for forgetting the day and the pro-gramme title, but I could swear I heard something about the Manuel de Falla museum, a fascinating place which has thousands of the composer's letters, a few signed manuscripts, and a curator who speaks English about as well as most people speak Tibetan. De Falla's music is worth listening to, the details of his handwrifting are

In the course of the week (and a couple more before) Radio 3 has not only examined every minute detail of Spanish life and culture like a forensic scientist looking for a stray hair on Hampstead Heath, but I feel I have been introduced to every Spanish singer, dancer, short-order Waitress and hullfight expert

across the Iberian peninsula. You want to know about the influence of the Moors on Andalusian breadmaking. or what it was like to be Jewish in medieval Spain, or which BBC arts journalist speaks the fanciest Spanish? Ask me - at this moment I know more about the place than you could use in a thousand fortnights in Benidorm. Not, come to think of it, that you need to know much about Spain for a fortnight in Benidorm.

Spain is a country of infinite texture and cultural variety. but one programme could have told us that - all right. two or three. Nor would I have resisted a programme bringing me up to speed with Spanish politics, or another devoted to the undeniable genius of Manuel Garcia Lorca.

To be fair. Radio 3 provided both, and two Sundays ago it also broadcast Ranjit Bolt's fine new translation of The Real Don Juan, written in 1844 by José Zorrila y Moral. Those things and some very good music apart, the rest should have been, but was not,

programme of the week had nothing to do asily the best music with the pyrotechnical thrill of the Spanish guitar but the deceptively simple English beauty of Ralph Vaughan Williams's most serene masterpiece. The Lark Ascending. in Radio 4's Kaleidoscope Special - always worth a Friday night visit — the violinist Iona Brown described how hard it is to play. Sir Neville Marriner described what a nightmare it is to conduct, and an ornithologist described what a lark does when it ascends, perfectly illustrating how close to the real thing

Vaughan Williams got. Best of all, though, was the composer's widow. Ursula. Her husband, she explained breezily, was good at growing green beans but absolutely romen about anything else to do with the countryside.

"It was some place he visited at weekends," she said. "I don't think he could have sponed a lark if he saw one." Somehow this knowledge made his sublime music all the more endearing.

> PATRICK STODDART

FESTIVAL: WORLD OF MUSIC, ARTS AND DANCE

Getting wise to the world in Morecambe At Womad 1992, David Toop finds musicians and performers from many countries implicit drones, she skilfully

entertainment in the north-west came in the form of Bobby Crush, performing his relentlessly happy piano instrumentals at the end of a Blackpool pier. How times do change. Morecambe Bay has grown so proud of hosting the annual Womad festival of world music that the event is trumpeted as a major attraction, a "colourful extravaganza" no less, in the tourist

brochures.

Thus. Morecambe is transformed for a few days each year. A classic northern seaside resort - slate-grey sea, hotels with Scottish names sees the convergence of all the phenomena we have come to associate with the World of Music. Arts and Dance. Once again, we could stock up on juggling equipment and hash pipes. Reassuringly polyglot. perhaps a little older than before, the audience ranged from terminal bedragglement to spectacular exoticism.

Food and music carried the symbolic message of the festival in their global diversity and

defying the weather and bringing Third World sunshine to a Lancashire seaside resort either the food or the music were good, of course, but from the unfamiliar juxtapositions came a sense that the world is changing in ways which none of us yet comprehend.

Sartorially, the dissonances between Womad performers can be alarming. Zimbabwe's Black Umfolosi danced in grass skirts and gunboots; while they stomped and chanted in the big top, the Five Blind Boys of Alabama were led on to another stage wearing double-breasted yellow ochre suits and white shirts.

This inspirational gospel group has been singing for the Lord since the early Forties. Being blind, their leader, Clarence Fountain, was unable to sayour the full strangeness of performing in a yellow brick railway station. The stage had been erected in close proximity to the carefully preserved gentlemen's lavatory, but Clarence seemed earthy enough to cope with any environment. "Chickens die that we might live." he began, praising the

praising God.

The group's repertoire is resolutely old-fashioned. At its most modern in songs such as "I've Been Born Again", southern soul of the early Seventies, the set list was built around gospel standards, of which "Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory of the Coming of the Lord" and "Deep River" were typical. "We don't need dope if we got hope" might have been expected to fall on fallow ground in such a gathering yet, again, gritty southern testifying bridged the gulf between faith and liberal

pluralism. Another type of faith was on view in the big top. Matching the intensity of his songs with a Malcolm X T-shirt and the black hat of a voodoo priest, Winston Rodney (better known as Burning Spear) was re-living the heady days of roots reggae from the mid-

Fashion cast Burning Spear adrift during the Eighties, but

caterers, but then turned to in the political context of the present, subjects such as black nationalism and Marcus Garvey have accrued a sombre new significance. Aspects of the militant and spiritual rastafarian lifestyle must stand as an ideal to many Womad followers, and Spear's uplifting music was ecstatically

> aturday's highlights in-Scluded high-spirited La-tin music from Colombia and the eagerly anticipated Super Rail Band of Bamako. Despite the excitement generated by both bands, less British rain and more of the heat which has affected other parts of the country recently might

> have created a better setting. A succession of star vocalists has passed through the ranks of Mali's Super Rail Band; if the current singers did not sound destined for stardom, the guitar lines still tumbled like waterfalls across complex

Spectacular performances

Sheila Chandra's informal lecture on singing and drones which left a stronger impression on me. Chandra began her career as a pop singer in 1981, singing "Ever So Lonely" with a band named Monsoon. Since then, she has evolved a fascinating, unique approach to the solo voice.

Now she inter-weaves North Indian classical singing with Irish and English folk songs and plainchant. Demonstrating links between musics which use either overt or

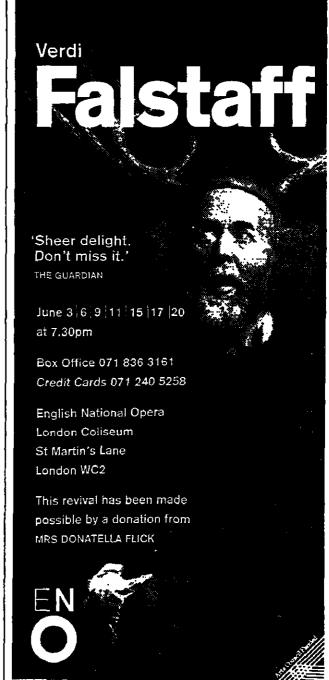
used the untrained voices of her audience to create a mesmeric mood. Speaking to her afterwards,

I asked how she was able to link the two very different traditions of English folk and Indian classical music. "I have a sense of rebelliousness about putting things into categories," she answered. "I don't like to be tied to one theory."

That, in a nutshell, is Womad. Meanwhile, back in the holiday zone of Morecambe's promenade, the bingo callers droned their numerical mantras, arcade games bleeped and pub DJs played "The Birdie Song". Life goes on,



The Super Rail Band of Bamako. Mali: singers come and go, but the group's guitar lines tumble like waterfalls



No, please don't grow up

It is more

difficult to be

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eing a parent is for life. I remember my ante-natal teacher telling me this with a smug smile as I breathed my way through her classes. But, like most other mothers, I thought she was exaggerating. Only, surely, until the child was adult would I bear the care and anxiety. At some magic age — somewhere between 18 and 21 — this child would become an adult and I'd be free.

But, as Stephanie Calman recent-ly pointed out, neither child nor parent ever gets away. Mature, charming, balding chaps in suits who run successful

large companies of ten get fits of the sulks and frets when with their ageing mothers. Menopausal daughters may get infuriated if a parent so much as asks them if they're

an adult than warm enough. When I innocently asked a counsellor why my anxiety about my son had increased rather than decreased when he reached 18, she roared

with laughter. Her face bore traces of the same sort of smug hilarity as my ante-natal teacher.

"Your troubles are only just beginning," she said. "It is much, much more difficult to be the parent of an

adult than a child." I realise that already. Control has gone out of the window. Requests like "Tidy your room!", "Be back at midnight" are not only completely unreasonable when barked at an

adult, they're also unenforceable. When my son was five, I could arrive at a children's party, insist on him leaving at once and drag him. screaming, away. Now he's 18 I can't do the same at one in the morning outside a disco in Camden. And anyway, he's got the car.

When children are young, you don't have to stand back and watch them make the same mistakes as you did. If they do, the solution is simple. Just tell them not to. Or no telly. No pocket money.

But when you see your 25-year-old daughter falling for an unsuitable roue - just like the one you fell for at the same age — such threats will not work. And as a parent you feel pain from all sides. Pain at remembering what a chump you were when you went through the same agonies, pain at seeing your daughter suffering, pain of trying to keep your mouth buttoned up knowing that saying anything would only make matters worse.

And while a child is young, a parent can wirness with her own eyes how sensible it is. Once a small child looks left, right, and left again, a parent knows it's learnt its lesson about crossing roads.

But foresight and good sense is much less easy to measure. An adult child with a family may be stuffing money into pension funds, taking the children for regular medical check-ups -- but the grandparents are not around to witness it. It is not that they assume their children are by na-

ture feckless, incapable of insuring themselves when going on holiday or driving without drinking. They just do not have quite enough evidence to know otherwise. And, as parents know, better safe than sorry.

Whenever I go on holiday, the number of notes I leave my son are a standing joke. The stairs are littered with reminders to keep the shutters shut at night, feed the cats, not to double park the car outside in case it is towed away, to remember the shops are shut on bank holiday. On the landings are lists - the telephone number of the vet, of our hotel, of the doctor. Yellow stickers on doors warn him not to leave the house without putting the answering machine on. Others bellow information about the burglar alarm and who owns the spare keys. Last time he said, sighing: "You've forgotten something, mum." "What?" I asked. "Not to take sweets from strangers," he said. Then he kindly put his arm around me and led me to a chair as if I were suffering from senile dementia. "Mum - do you really think I'm a



Sense and sensitivities: Virginia Ironside may know her son Will Grove-White is completely sensible, but she still leaves him notes

This was a good question. Do 1? No, I think he's incredibly sensible. And as I write him these notes I myself know they're barmy. It is as if they're written by some other, hor-monal, self. I still, mother-hen-like, want to protect him from harm, not just from outside but from his own

lack of experience. Of course, there is an element of superstition about these worries, too. If I worry about them they won't

happen. And also they cover me. If the house were broken into and I hadn't reminded him about doublelocking the door at night. I would never forgive myself.

A parent's concern never seems to die away, however old she gets. As an agony columnist I get hundreds of letters from elderly parents, sick with worry about their sons divorces, their daughters' unhappiness, the way their grandchildren

are being brought up.

My ante-natal teacher was right. You never stop being a parent. Only last week, a middle-aged friend was bailed out of financial ruin by his father, who organised the transaction with infinite tact, saying that it was nothing, that he would get all the money in the end anyway, so

Many more of us now, in middle age, have both elderly parents and

adult children. We can understand why our ancient parents fuss. because we feel the same about our children. But surely the life of a child, whatever age, loved to distraction, fussed over, is an easier one than the life of a parent, constantly anxious, constantly walking on eggs trying to help their children and keep them from harm, as discreetly as possible. For ever.

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Is it child's play?

DAVINA LLOYD

You can see why chaps like it. It whisks them back to boyhood, lets them indulge a pastoral dream of fair play, compan-ionship and strong ale. For urban man, village cricket offers a slice of the might-have been — and of course, it beats the socks off grouting bath-

room tiles.

Take the Journeymen, for instance, a modey crew of teachers, journalists, solicitors and social workers. Having no ground of their own, they shun the municipal pitches of the metropolis in favour of farflung fixtures against the Oxford Downs Strollers or the gentlemen of Hemyock in

I joined the Journeymen for their annual tour of Norfolk, a half-term treat for the children to see their father a hero away from home. The average age of the team being 40.4 (a sight higher than their individual batting averages), many have young children. And most of them believed that the tour would be a splendid occasion for everyone. But if you ask "Howzat?" for the women and children accompanying the Journeymen, they may see it differently. For how can a cricket match be a family day. when all the men are separated from their kin and fenced

From a child's perspective, father is a distant speck on the horizon

resembles nothing so much as ' a huge invisible playpen? From a child's perspective.

father is a distant speck on the horizon. More than once, my children and I have cheered the achievements of someone quite other than their father who happened to have a similar floppy hat. The game is a mystery to most children. "Why is daddy sitting down all the time?" "If he's

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wicketkeeper does he get to keep them at the end of the game?" The wives must not only answer these questions. but keep the children away from the evil-bladed mower and roller, interested in the game, ready to clap a six on cue and willing to lib: "Yes. dad, we saw your catch".

When the second innings starts, is it now time for fathers to take over the responsibility for the children? Not quite. because two dads are batting. two have turned into umpires. two are padding up, two scoring, two are discussing how to poach the Fakenham Barons wicketkeeper for the next game, and the other chap is searching for the beer.

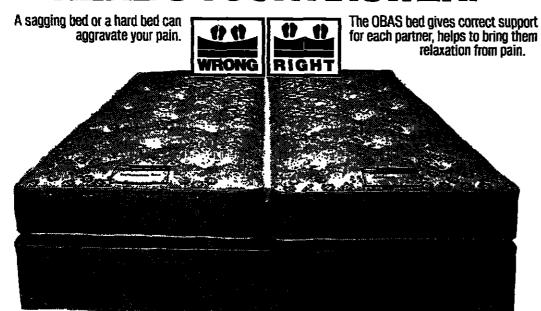
Other games develop around the boundary. A couple of boys silently pray for a major but non-fatal injury to befall one of the fathers so that they will be invited to save the day. A one-year old toddles up to the scoreboard and has fun hanging the tin numerals on

entirely different pegs. The rest of the children are having a wonderful time. Townies let loose in ragged meadows, they race and rampage, chucking frisbees at each other while the mothers try to prevent their games from spilling on to the pitch. As the sun sinks down in the wide Norfolk sky, stumps are finally drawn and we can all look forward to the ritual assembly in the village pub. The men are keen to get to the East Anglian ales. The mothers hope it is one of the pubs that will allow them and the children into the snug and not just

the car park. What else can cricket wives do? Stay at home? Do some thing else? Some do — they sneak away to go riding-sketch, doze off on their cars. Two saintly mothers organised an expedition to the nearby Castle Rising, taking a emeadile of children with them. I suppose we could even watch the cricket.

Davina Lloyd is the editor of Practical Parenting magazine

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ORTHOPAEDIC & MEDIBEDS

Exams are pure hell. Discuss

s your home like a training ground in a psychological warfare, with a neurosis quotient that goes well over the danger level? Is physical and mental violence a permanent factor of everyday life? Do you long for your sons. daughters or possibly your-selves, to be taken into care? If so, your children are, like ours,

in the threes of exam fever. I blame the examination system. It tests the wrong subjects. It should be measuring what the kids are naturally good at. Such as this: GCSE Laid-Back Revision

1. Candidates should explain why it is: (a) too hot: (b) too cold: (c) too close; (d) too close to supper time to get down to revising for an examination they are sitting the next day.

2. You are faced tomorrow with a written test in a subject which has always left you baffled. Explain which of the following options is

the least useful in a lastminute attempt to scrape a pass: (a) lying on the floor watching Def II; (b) sitting at your desk reading Smash Hits: (c) compiling a list of all the second division football players you can remember whose names begin with "M" and why you chose it.

3. Which of the following remarks would you choose in order to make an already stretched parent finally crack? "We were taught all that last term so I don't need to look at it again.": (b) "We weren't taught properly so there's no point in trying to pick it up now."; (c) "That bit of the syllabus hasn't come up in an exam for five years so they'll give it a miss this year too.": (d) "That bit of the syllabus has come up in every exam over the last five years so t won't come up this time."; (e) 'Can you take a personal stereo into the exam as I don't want to miss Davis Lee Travis lunchtime chill-out?"

4. At 2pm a candidate heads up the garden to "work". Given the time taken to go back for a glass of orange juice, a text book, a radio, a

Questions that all parents want their children to

answer

pair of sunglasses, a rug and another glass of orange juice, what is the earliest time by which the first piece of infor-mation is committed to memory? (a) 5pm; (b) 7.30pm; (c) too late anyway - the exam was at

9am that morning.
5. There is a 60 per cent probability that a candidate



will have forgotten the time of the next paper, and a 70 per cent probability that he will be somewhat hazy about the subject it is in. He wishes to telephone a friend for these details; there is a 17 per cent chance that each of his four brothers and sisters will be ahead of him in the queue for the phone, and that his friend's family is equally likely to be hogging their own line with similar last-minute queries. What are the odds against the candidate achieving a 100 per cent mark in the paper in question?
6. "Winston Churchill/-

Carter the Unstoppable Sex Machine/the manager of the local Odeon never passed an examination in his life and look where he got — so there's no point in me wasting the best years of my life in a stuffy exam room." (a) Discuss, but not sufficiently loudly for you to be heard by parents and teachers; or, (b) Write an essay illustrating the contention that "It's okay - I can always take

it again next year." 7. A candidate tells another candidate that if you take these little green tablets, your mem-

ory powers increase phenomenally. How many do both have to take before: (a) their powers of memory decrease phenomenally?; (b) the first candidate becomes sufficiently spacedout to start climbing up the wall of the examination room?; (c) the second candidate writes the answers on the clock and tries to hand them

8. At 11.30 on a Sunday night a candidate has completed his revision for a science paper commencing at 9am on the following Monday: (a) With diagrams, describe the shock to the nervous system received when he sud-

denly realises that he has forgotten all about the German paper which starts at 2.30 on Monday afternoon: (b) Use your knowledge of the psychology of panic attacks to describe the effect on the candidate of the subsequent realisation that he also has to revise for the maths

exam on Tuesday morning, and history during the afternoon.

9. Three candidates between them manage one hour's revision on Monday night, 50 minutes on Tuesday. 40 on Wednesday. Draw a graph to indicate: (a) the point at which they are actually doing minus revision: (b) the point at which their parents lock them in their room with their textbooks and install dosed-circuit television check they are working.

Candidates should complete this examination in the same way that they began, i.e. whenever they feel like it. Marks will be deducted for legible handwriting, as the examiners are trained graphologists and enjoy grap-pling with unreadable scrawls. Candidates may confer, and are permitted to delegate another person or persons to sit the exam in their place. No criticism is incurred by candidates who fail. but they may be asked to leave home, possibly for good.

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To launch our Passport to France series we are giving readers the exclusive opportuni-

ty to enjoy some of the finest hotels in France, with as much as 50 per cent off the standard

This superb offer with Mercure and Altea Hotels gives you the choice of a hundred hotels. You can plan a family touring holiday, stop-over on business, enjoy a sun-soaked

resort holiday, or simply relax with a weekend break. Whatever you choose, you could pay as little as 200FF (about £20) per

night for a family of four. Our Passport to France starts today with an at-a-glance guide to the range of hotels on offer, plus some useful travel hints. During the next 11 days, tokens

will appear in The Times and The Sunday Times. You will need to collect ten of them in order to make your reservations.

THE TIMES

Special offer: up to 50 per cent off the cost of your accommodation at some of the finest hotels in France

TUESDAY JUNE 2 1992

At Mercure and Altea Hotels you will find a commitment to personal service. Each hotel is designed to reflect the character of the region and its location. From traditional-style hotels to

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This offer is available at participating Mercure and Altea hotels from June 20, through July and August and up to September 7. The offer is available for any

days of the week although on some days the reduction available will be 25 per cent.

Details of all the hotels, with a brief description of the facilities they offer and their room rates can be found within this supplement, together with details of how to book and the terms and

At home in the country

The homely atmosphere in many French hotels is all part of the charm and the meals on offer can be gargantuan affairs

rance is a land of hotels. All sorts of buildings are called hôtel: it can mean a private mansion or a town hall, as well as a place you can stay for the night. So don't ask for a room at the Hôtel de Ville, or you may end up in the mayor's parlour. However, something of the feeling of a private house does linger in many French hotels, and that is one of the greatest charms of staying in France. Everywhere, especially in the country, hotels are family concerns. There is also lody a visitor concerns to the country of a visitor concerns. nervously asking the lady propri-etor of one small hotel, "Who are those three bearded men I saw in the foyer?" and the proprietor

proudly replying. "My sons!"
This family atmosphere is generally good news for visitors. Mothers with small children are particularly well treated. Some years ago I was having lunch with a large party in a smallest towns, it's my custom (as Normandy hotel, and the waitress

noticed that a baby Dogs sleep by boy with us was getting restless. the dining-Immediately she invited the mother room fire; to go upstairs. where she was givcats stalk en a large bedroom with accompanying bathroom in in through which to change and feed the baby and her lunch was waiting piping hot for her when she came down

bedroom windows Dogs sleep by the dining-room fire; cats stalk in through bedroom windows. Outside, there may often be boules to play in the garden. horses to hire for rides, peacocks to try and pat. And very many French

are old patories, old abbeys, old castles, all dashingly converted. To more practical matters: the bedroom. It might be a little embarrassing, but it is perhaps worth feeling the beds: they can be hard or lumpy, and sometimes they are rather small for the English. Worst, though, in many hotels, are the long, hard sausage-shaped bolsters, often running right across a double bed, that serve as pillows, sometimes with the top of the sheet rolled round them as a pillow-case. A few jumpers or towels in the suitcase may be usefully invoked to

country hotels are wonderful build-

ings in ravishing countryside: there

bump them up or soften them. Most rooms have their own shower and lavatory nowadays, though sometimes in the cheaper hotels they are ingeniously inserted into one triangular corner of a square room: the water goes everywhere behind the screen, but the lavatory is carefully provided with a quick-drying seat. (The lavatory

used to be known as le vater, ie, water closet, which seems particularly apt in these conditions.)

too hot; though there are still hotels around with a tiny three-bar radiator like a set of stumps on a cricket

Breakfast is a problem. Many small and middle-ranking hotels oblige you to pay for breakfast, because this is where they make a fair proportion of their profit, with prices of rooms so strictly controlled by the government. There is a by the government. There is a particularly boring kind of rusk that many of them provide, and the coffee is not always of the purest blend. Croissants and good coffee are my dream of a French breakfast, and as they are generally available a few yards away from your hotel in a café, in even the

also in Italy) to abandon the hotel breakfast. Nevertheless.

don't be too hasty. The clatter of trays on the stairs as breakfast is delivered to bedrooms is a really typical French sound, and in Paris not long ago I was heading out early in the morning for a newspaper when I smelt delicious coffee and saw a basket of croissants

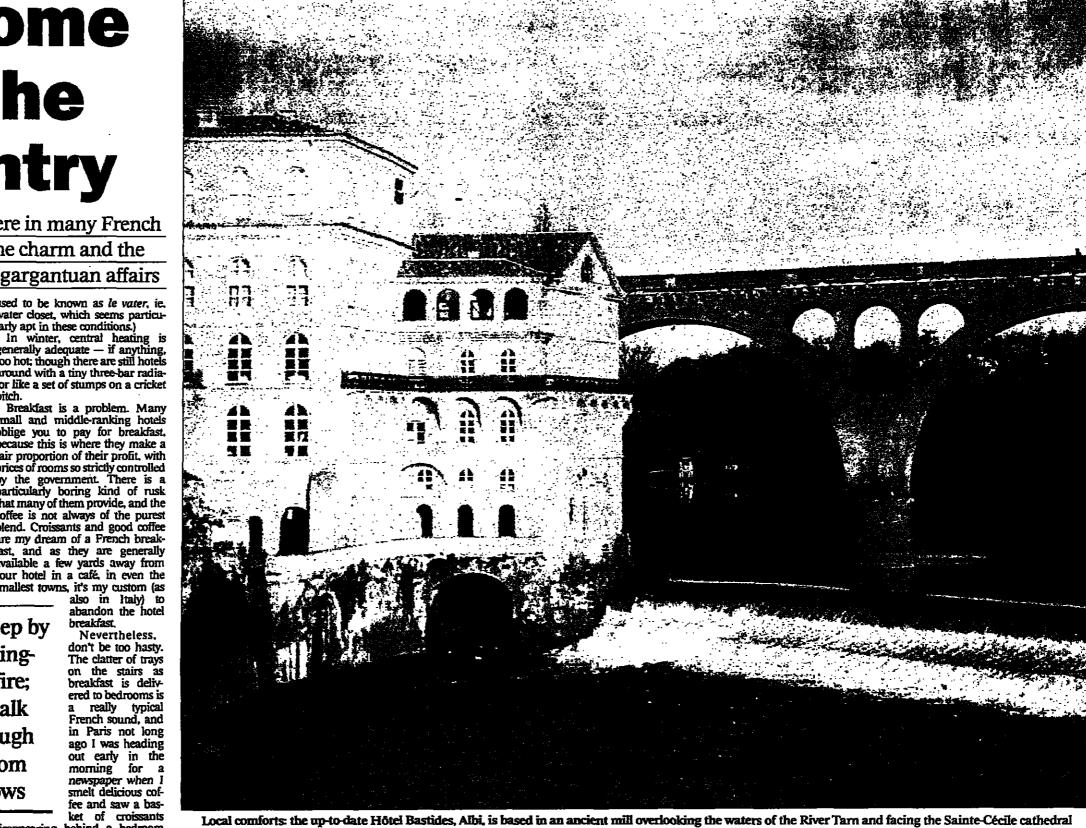
disappearing behind a bedroom door. I went back and said to my wife: "Hold your horses - we must give this a chance." And every morning after that we breakfasted in bed quite as sumptuously as if we had gone out across the place.

Meals in the hotel should be approached in the same pragmatic way. It is best to consider the dining-room as just one of the restaurants in the town, and choose where to eat according to your impressions and your taste. Some hotel dining-rooms are gastronomic shrines; some are bleak and

nasty. Here there can be no rule. I have left until the end the most remarkable thing of all about French hotels: how cheap they are. Even in Paris, you can still get a delightful double room for £40 or £50 a night, in the country, for down to £25. And meals in country hotels can be gargantuan affairs of outstanding quality for £30 for two. including a seemingly endless flow of wine. After that, who cares about

throwing away a breakfast? Cheapness and charm: that is what most visitors find at French hotels, and it seems like a dream.

DERWENT MAY



And before you go .

Motoring: Breakdown insurance is advisable. The AA Hotels and Restaurants in France lists garages with breakdown services and details of which makes of car they deal

with and closing days. The AA publishes a useful Vehicle Components Guide - a booklet which lists nearly 500 parts and gives translations and illustrations. It comes free with AA 5-star

Accidents should be reported to the police and a "constat à l'amiable" (an accident statement

form) completed in all cases. Bison Futé road maps, produced by the French Ministry of Transport, show alternative routes and how to beat the worst traffic delays. Available free from petrol stations. and roadside information centres. Emergency Numbers: Police and Ambulance, 17; Fire, 18. Guide Books: Michelin Green

Guides cover all France. Blue

From free road

maps to health

insurance, essential tips for the traveller

Guides to France, Paris and Environs and Corsica (A&C Black). Companion Guides to fle de France, the Loire, Normandy, South of France, Paris (Collins). Le Guide de Paris (Gault Millau) gives lists and descriptions of restaurants, bars, nightlife, shops, and services. Officiel des Spectacles, a weekly publication listing events and what's on at theatres, cinemas, nightchubs.

Medical: Leaflet T1 The Travellers Guide to Health, available from your local DSS office, explains formalities you will need to know if you fall ill. Also fill in a form E111 health insurance, available from

Banks: Normally open at 9am, close at hunch (12 noon or 12.30 to about 2pm) and close at about 4pm. Some banks close on Mon-

day and open for Saturday markets. Crédit Agricole branches sometimes open on Saturday in towns where there is no Saturday market. Museums and Châteaux: Many

are shut on Tuesday. Public Holidays: Most shops and banks are shut on the following days: New Year's Day; Easter Monday (moveable); Labour Day, May 1; VE Day, May 8; Ascension Day, sixth Sunday after Easter; Whit Monday, second Monday after Ascension; Bastille Day, July 14; Assumption, August 15; All Saints (Toussaint), November 1:

Christmas Day. Holidays falling on a Sunday take place on the following day.

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We will be telling you how to take advantage of these exclusive



Bon appetit: hotels often provide some of the best meals in town

An open door to adventure From superb cuisine and traditional wines to a wealth of

ercure and Alica hotels are truly international. with some 200 hotels in nine European countries. Each hotel is distinct and reflects the character of the region as well as providing an ideal base for exploring the locality.

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cuisine and much more to help you enjoy the taste of France.

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Many hotels in this offer have three or four bed family rooms. Up to two children under 16 sharing their parents' room can stay at Mercure and Altea hotels free of charge. Details of family room availability are with the hotel details on the next three pages of this supplement. Where family rooms are not available, children's rooms are subject to the tariff of this

The Mercure and Altea hotels participating in this offer are described over the next few pages. Each one has a map grid reference to help you plot your journey. The full tariff rates are shown per room per night in French francs. The specific discount available with this offer is shown as a percentage. ranging from 25 per cent discount

Each Mercure and Altea hotel has three price periods - red, pink and clear. Red is the most expensive period and is the higher price indicated with each hotel. This is a period of much activity in the hotel region and covers some of the hotels' busiest dates. A saving of 50 per cent can be made on the room

rate during red periods. Clear periods are the quieter times in the locality and these are the lower of the prices indicated. Clear periods are already heavily discounted and a further discount of 25 per cent can be taken from

these prices. The pink price is the middle of the three prices shown and these are at times of moderate local activity. A full 50 per cent saving can be made on these prices (see limited exceptions). The majority of dates in this offer will fall into the

offering 25 per cent discount or pink offering 50 per cent. Details of the specific tariff that applies to your chosen dates will be

advised on your confirmation. You can telephone our enquiry line in advance to check this detail and the number of this line will appear in The Times on Wednesday, June 10. Also shown with each hotel is a brief description of the facilities available, such as tennis, golf or swimming pool, which will help you in planning your itinerary. Hotel addresses, together with distances from major airports or

train stations, are also included to help you plan your journey. The tariff prices shown for each hotel reflect twin, double or family room occupancy. Rooms for single occupancy are usually the same price, but at some hotels there is a

reduction on the tariff shown. Please remember that all prices shown reflect the standard tariff ar the hotels and the discount will be applied to these. All prices are correct at the time of going to print and will be confirmed at the reservation stage. Service and local two lower price categories - dear taxes are generally included

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Map references: locate a hotel in the area you want to visit, by checking the numbered and

Bordeaux

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ALBI ALTEA BASTIDES

4 I Rue Porta, 8 1000 Albi. GRID REFERENCE: E9. Modern convenience in an antique mill on the Tarn river, facing the Ste-Cécile cathedral. 56 rooms. Restaurant Le Moulin: noon to 2pm and 7.30pm to 10.30pm. Bar. Room service. Parking. No family rooms. Rooms for Airport: Albi Sequestre (2.2km).

Station: Albi Ville (2km). Tariff: full tariff shown per room per night. Clear: 340Ffr (25% discount). Pink: 480Ffr (50% discount). Red: 555 Ffr (50% discount).

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18 Rue Edgard, Quinet. **GRID REFERENCE: H8.** A short distance from the commercial centre, this hotel is an ideal stop-over between the Ardeche, the Cevennes and the Camargue. 75 rooms. Restaurant: L'Espelide: noon to 2.30pm and 7pm to 10.30pm. Golf. Tennis. Room service. Bar. Parking. Three-bed family rooms available Airport: Nimes Garon tation: Ales (750m). Tariff: full tariff shown per

Clear: 270Ffr (25% discount).

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room per night.

BORDEAUX **AEROPORT**

l Avenue Charles Lindbergh. 33700 Merignac. GRID REFERENCE: D8. This modern hotel, 500m from the sirport, benefits from sound-proofing and some splendid facilities. 105 rooms. Restaurant: Le Mercure noon to 2,30pm and 7pm to 10.30pm. Bar. Room service wimming pool. Parking. Fourbed family rooms available. Rooms for disabled. Airport: Bordeaux Merignac Station: St Jean (12km).

Tariff: full tariff shown per room per night. Clear: 295 Ffr (25% discount). Pink: 440Ffr (50% discount).

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Avenue Jean Rostand, 64100 Bavonne. GRID REFERENCE: C9. Splendid modern, comfortable hotel some 5km from the ocean and close to the Spanish border 109 moms Restaurant: L'Agara: noon to 2.30pm and 7pm to 11pm. Bar. Room Service. Parking. Three-bed family rooms

Airport: Biarritz Bayonne Station: Bayonne (1 km). Tariff: full tariff shown per

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Airport: Lyon Satolas (25km).

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Rooms for disabled. Airport: Marseille Provence Station: Marseille St Charles (40km) Tariff: full tariff shown per room per night. Clear: 300Fir (25% discount)

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room per night. Clear: 300Ffr (25% discount). Pink: 450Ffr (50% discount).

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Boulevard Cami-Salie. **GRID REFERENCE: D9.** A modern hotel close to the Spanish border and 500m from the sports stadium. Excellent value ston-over hotel, 92 rooms. Restaurant: Côte Cour: noon to 2.30pm and 7pm to 11pm. Bar, Satellite TV. Swimming pool. Room service. Parking. Rooms for disabled. Airport: Pau-Pyrenees (5km). Station: Pau (6km) Tariff: full tariff shown per room per night. Clear: 310Ffr (25% discount). Pink: 435 Fir (50% discount). Red: 560Ffr (50% discount).

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Airport: Perpignan Rivesalte Station: Perpignan (1.5km). Tariff: full tariff shown per room per night. Clear: 300Ffr (25% discount).

Pink: 400Ffr (50% discount).

Red: 425 Ffr (50% discount).

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Restaurant: La Ribandiere: noon to 2pm and 7.30pm to 10pm. Bar. Room service. Parking. Three-bed family room available. Rooms for disabled. Airports: Andrezieu (20km): Lyon Satolas (70km). Station: Chateaucreux (5km). Tariff: full tariff shown per room per night. Clear: 400Ffr (25% discount). Pink: 500Ffr (50% discount).

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VALENCE NORD

69 Avenue Jean Jaures/ 1 Avenue Docteur P Durand. 26600 Tain L'Hermitage. **GRID REFERENCE: G8.** On the banks of the Rhone, at the foot of the vineyards, near tennis courts, a quiet familystyle hotel for a wine-tasting visit featuring gourmet dishes 48

room. Restaurant: Le Pressoir: noon to 2pm and 7pm to 10.30pm. Swimming pool. Room

Airport: Lyon Satolas (95km). Station: Valence (16km).

Pink: 460 Ffr (50% discount). Red: 510 Ffr (50% discount). TOULON

ALTEA LA TOUR BLANCHE

Boulevard Admiral Vence. 83200 Toulon. **GRID REFERENCE: J9.** At the foot of Mount Faron. five minutes from the city centre. the hotel is surrounded by a quiet pine-forest, with an exceptional view of Europe's most beautiful harbour. 92 Restaurant: La Tour Blanche

noon to 2pm and 7pm to 11pm. Swimming pool. Bar. Room service. Parking. Airport: Toulon-Hyeres (21 km).

Station: Toulon (2km). Tariff: full tariff shown per room per night. Clear: 360Ffr (25% discount) Pink: 510Ffr (50% discount). Red: 540Fir (50% discount).

TOULOUSE **MERCURE**

TOULOUSE ST-GEORGES

Rue St Jerome, 31000 Toulouse GRID REFERENCE: E9 First-class business centre hotel. Famous in the area for the culinary tradition of its restaurant. 170 rooms. Restaurant: Le Petit Jardin: noon to 10.30pm. Bar. Satellite TV. Room service. Public parking. Four-bed family room availab

Airport: Toulouse Blagnac (8km). Station: Matabiau (800m). Tariff: full tariff shown per room per night. Clear: 425 Ffr (25% discount). Pink: 525 Ffr (50% discount). Red: 650 Ffr (50% discount).

ALTEA TOULOUSE LES CAPITOULS

29, Allèes Jean-Jaurès. 31000 Toulouse **GRID REFERENCE: E9** In a beautiful building located in the heart of the pink city, the hotel is perfectly located for business and tourist travellers, 52 rooms. Bar, Satellite TV, Room service. Parking. Four-bed family room available. Rooms for disabled. Airport: Toulouse Blagnac

(8km). Station: Matabiau (800m). Tariff: full tariff shown per

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room per night. Clear: 425Ffr (25% discount). Pink: 565 Ffr (50%, discount). Red: 655 Ffr (50% discount).

ALTEA TOULOUSE MATABIAU

Boulevard Pierre Sèmard/Gare SNCF Matabian. GRID REFERENCE: E9. In a wing of the Matabiau railway station landmarkbuilding, on the banks of the Canal du Midi. 62 moms. Bar Room Service Parking Four-bed (amily room available. Airport: Toulouse Blagnac (9km).

Station: Matabiau. Tariff: full tariff shown per room per night. Clear: 390Ffr (25% discount) Pink: 550Ffr (50% discount). Red: 640Ffr (50% discount).

ALTEA TOULOUSE WILSON

7 Rue Labèda (Angle Place Wilson). 3 1000 Toulouse. **GRID REFERENCE: E9.** Ideally situated in the heart of the town, close to the Capitole, 92

Bar. Room Service. Satellite TV. Room service. Parking. Fourbed family room available Airport: Toulouse Blagnac (10km). Station: Matabiau (1km).

Tariff: full tariff shown per room per night. Clear: 425 Ffr (25% discount). Pink: 560Ffr (50% discount). Red: 650Ffr (50% discount).

AVENE-LES-BAINS ALTEA VAL DORB

Le Bousquet D'Orb. 34260 Avene-Les-Bains. GRID REFERENCE: E9. An integral part of the new Avene thermal spa, at the foot of the southern Cevennes, about 80km from the Hérault shore beaches, 59 rooms. Restaurant: Le Marquis de Rocozels: noon to 2pm and 7.30pm, Bar, Room service. Parking. Four-bed family room available. Rooms for disabled. Airport: Beziers (65km). Station: Le Bousquet D'Orb

(15km). Tariff: full tariff shown per room per night. Clear: 310Ffr (25% discount). Pink: 390Ffr (50% discount) Red: 450 Ffr (50% discount).

BORDEAUX MERCURE BORDEAUX **PONT** D'AQUITAINE

Rue du Grande Barail, **GRID REFERENCE: D8.** Spacious hotel offering some excellent facilities a short distance from the station and airport. 100 rooms. Restaurant: L'Estuaire: poon to 2.30pm and 5pm to 10.30pm. Bar. Swimming Pool. Fourbed family rooms available. Rooms for disabled, Parking Airport: Bordeaux Merignac (10km). Station: St Jean (7km). Tariff: full tariff shown per room per night. Clear: 295 Ffr (25% discount).

Red: 550Ffr (50% discount) **MECURE** BORDEAUX LE LAC

Pink: 460Ffr (50% discount).

Rue du Petit Barail, Quartier du Lac. 33300 Bordeaux. **GRID REFERENCE: D8.** Close to the lake, the hotel has a fine reputation for its regional food and wine. An ideal position for exploring the wine region. 108 rooms. Restaurant: Les Portes du 5pm to 10.30pm. Bar. Four Airport: Bordeaux Meringnac (10km). Station: St Jean (7km). Tariff: full tariff shown per room per night.

295 Fir (25% discount).

Pink: 460Fir (50% discount).

Red: 550Flr (50% discount).

Clear: 320Ffr (25% discount). Pink: 415Ffr (50% discount). Red: 495 Ffr (50% discount).

BRIVE **MERCURE USSAC**

Le Griffolet Route D'Objat, BP 505-19106 Brive. GRID REFERENCE: D7. Near the intersection of the Paris-Toulouse and Bordeaux-Lyon autoroutes, and next to the great Quercy-Perigold tourist sites, 57 mom. Restaurant: Le Griffolet: noon to 2.30pm and 7pm and 10.30pm. Bar. Room service. mming pool. Parking. Three bed family room available. Airport: Brive Laroche (5km). Station: Brive (8km). Tariff: full tariff shown per

room per night. Clear: 295 Ffr (25% Pink: 430 Ffr (50% discount). Red: 480 Ffr (50% discount).

COURCHEVAL **MECURE** COURCHEVAL GOLF DES VERDONS

Quartier du Jardin Alpin. 73 I 20 Courcheval 1850. **GRID REFERENCE: J7.** Facing Lake Verdon, this is a very popular winter and summer resort hotel. 126 rooms. Restaurant: Le Panoramic noon to 2.30pm and 5pm to II pm. Swimming pool, Bar. Satellite TV. Parking, Four-bed family room available. Airport: Courcheval (2km). Station: Moutiers (22km). Tariff: full tariff shown per room per night. Clear: 415Ffr (25% discount). Pink: 888 Fir (50% discount). Red: 997 Fir (50% discount).

CHAMBERY

MERCURE CHAMBERY CENTRE

6 Place de la Gare, 73000 **GRID REFERENCE: 17.** This is an ideal stop-over and touring base. The hotel opened at the end of 1991. 81 moms Light meals only. Bar. Three bed family moms available. Airport: Lyon Satolas (75km). Station: Chambery TGV

(50m). Tariff: full tariff shown per room per night. Clear: 390Ffr (25% discount). Pink: 470Ffr (50% discount). Red: 600Ffr (50% discount).

Station: Grenoble (1.5km). Tariff: full tariff shown per room per night. Clear: 320Fir (25% discount). Pink: 440Ffr (50% discount).

Red: 510Ffr (50% discount).

LA GRANDE MOTTE

ALTEA LA GRANDE-MOTTE

140 Rue du Port, 34280 La Grande-Motte GRID REFERENCE: E9. On the yacht harbour, in the heart of the well-known resort area; 10km from the airport of Montpellier, 200m from the Congress centre. Golf and tennis in the seaside resort. 135 Restaurant: Les Terrasses du

Port: 12.30pm to 2pm and 7.30pm to 10pm. Bar. Room service. Parking. Four-bed family room available. Swimming Airport: Montpellier

Mediterrance (10km); Nimes (40km). Station: Montpelier (25km). Tariff: full tariff shown per room per night.
Clear: 620Ffr (25% discount). Pink: 715 Ffr (50% discount). Red: 820Ftr (50% discount).

LYON MERCURE LYON SUD CHASSE

Centre Commercial, 38670 Chasse Sur Rhone. **GRID REFERENCE: H7.** Ideal stop-over hotel en-route to Cote d'Azur. Near to Autoroute 7 about 20km from Lym. 115 rooms. Restaurant: Les Muriers:

noon to 2.30pm and 5pm to II pm. Bar. Room service. Parking. Four-bed family rooms available. Rooms for disabled. Airport: Lyon Satolas (25km). Station: Chasse Sur Rhone Tariff: full tariff shown per room per night. Clear: 295 Ffr (25% discount).

Pink: 410Fir (50% discount Red: 475 Ffr (50% discount). MECURE LYON NORD PORTE

DE LYON

Porte de Lyon — Autoroute A6, 69570 Dardilly. **GRID REFERENCE: H7.** A delightful hotel in a country etting at the entrance of Lyon Particularly noted for its line

Restaurant: L'Oree de Lyon:

A touch of class in the heart of the Pyrenees: the Altea Cristal Park hotel in St-Lary, famous for its thermal baths Rue Neuve St Martin, 13001 Marseille.

GRID REFERENCE: 19. This is an ideal central base close to the Vieus Port for discovering Marseilles. 199 Restaurant: L'Oliveraie: noon to 2pm and 5pm to 10.30pm.

parking. Four-bed family rooms available. Rooms for disabled. Airport: Marseille Marignane (28km) tation: St Charles (! km). Tariff: full tariff shown per room per night. Clear: 425 Ffr (25% discount) Pink: 620Ffr (50% discount) Red: 680Ffr (50% discount).

MONTPELLIER **MECURE** MONTPELLIER

Ачепие Јеан Мегтог Antigone, 34000 Montpellier, **GRID REFERENCE: G9.** Close to Montpellier beaches. this is a splendid modern hotel near to the historic city centre. 114 rooms. Restaurant: Le Mercure: noon to 2.30pm and 7pm to 10.30pm. Bar. Room service. Parking. Four-bed family rooms available. Rooms for disabled. Airport: Montpellier Frejourgues (8km). Station: Montpellier (1.5km). Tariff: full tariff shown per room per night. Clear: 350Ffr (25% discount). Pink: 490Ffr (50% discount). Red: 560Ffr (50% discount)

MONTPELLIER ANTIGONE

218 Rue Du Bastion our, 34000 Montpellier. **GRID REFERENCE: G9.** A modern hotel in the heart of the business district. Three minutes from the Place de la Comédie, next to the Corum Restaurant: Lou Pairol: 12.30pm to 2pm and 7.30pm to 10pm. Bar. Room service. Parking.
Airport: Montpellier Frejorgues (4km). Station: Montpellier (500m). Tariff: full tariff shown per room per night. Clear: 320 Ffr (25 % discount). Pink: 535Ffr (50% discount). Red: 570Ffr (50% discount).

NIMES **MECURE NIMES** LA BAUME

21 Rue Nationale, 30000 **GRID REFERENCE: H9.**

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ALTEA -HOTEL-

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abled guests or family rooms should be entered into the special requests section on the booking form. Special telephone lines will be open for any queries at the reservation centre from June 10, which is the earliest day possible to commence bookng, and details will appear in The Times.





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MERCURE ANGERS CENTRE

i Place Mendes France. 49100 Angers. GRID REFERENCE: D5. Nesting against the town's ornamental gardens, this hotel is bathed in calm. Savour vintage wines at nearby vineyards. 86 rooms. Restaurant: Les Saisons: moon to 2.30pm and 7pm to 10.30pm. Golf nearby. Tennis. Bar. Room service. Parking. Three-bed family 100m available. Room for Aurport: Nantes Atlantique

Station: Angers-St-Laud TGV Tariff: full tariff shown per room per night. Clear: 350Ffr (25% discount). Pink: 470Ffr (50% discount). Red: 540Ffr (50% discount).

> **ALTEA LAC DE** MAINE

Route de Nantes, 49000 GRID REFERENCE: D5. Surrounded by greenery, on the outskirts of Angers, this hotel is located five minutes by car from the town centre via the expressway. 79 rooms. Restaurant: Le Diffen: noon to 2pm and 7.15 to 10pm. Fitness room. Golf nearby. Tennis. Bar. Room service. Light meals, Satellite TV, Parking Three-bed family room available. Room for disabled. Airport: Nantes Atlantique Station: Angers (3.5km).

Tariff: full tariff shown per mom per night Clear: 325 Ffr (25% Pink: 430 Ffr (50% discount).

ANGOULEME ALTEA HOTEL DE

FRANCE

l Place des Halles, 16000 **GRID REFERENCE: D7.** Set in the heart of the city, in gardens overlooking the ramparts, opposite the central market and next to the nedestrian mall, 90 rooms. Restuarant: Les Jardins des Arceaux: noon to 2.30pm and 7pm to 10.30pm. Golf nearby. Tennis. Bar. Room service, Parking. Three-bed family room available. Rooms for disabled Airport: Angouleme (8km).

Station: Angouleme TGV Tariff: full tariff shown per Clear: 310 Ffr (25% discount).

Red: 500 Ffr (50% discount). ARRAS

MERCURE ATRIA Boulevard Carnot, 62000 **GRID REFERENCE: F2.**

In the town centre, near the

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lunctionality. Perfect for

TGV train station, a new hotel

stopovers and touring. 80 Restaurant: Le Mercure: noon to 3pm and 7pm to 11pm. Satellite TV. Golf nearby. Bar. Room service. Parking Three-bed family room Airport: Lille-Lesquin

(45km). Station: Gare TGV Arras. Tariff: full tariff shown per room per night. Clear: 350Fir (25% discount). Pink: 430Ffr (50% discount). Red: 500F(r (50% discount).

AUXERRE -- *

MERCURE AUXERRE NORD

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Appoigny. GRID REFERENCE: G4. Midway between Paris and Beaune, 7km from Auxerre's town centre and 20 km from the Chablis vineyards, a hotel set Restaurant: Le Chaumois: noon to 2.30pm and 7pm to midnight. Golf nearby. Tennis. Swimming pool. Bar. Room service. Parking. Four-bed family room available. Rooms for disabled. Airport: Orly (135km). Station: Auxerre (8km). TARRIF: full tariff shown per room per night. Clear: 330Ffr (25% discount). Pink: 420Ffr (50% discount). Red: 450Ffr (50% discount).

BEAUNE ALTEA RELAIS DE BEAUNE

Boite Postale 145, 21204 **GRID REFERENCE: H5.** A quiet hotel in the middle of wooded park. Easy access by Autoroute 6 or by department road No 18, 150 rooms. Restaurant: La Bourguignone: 11.30am to 2.30pm and 7pm to 10pm. Golf nearby. Parking. Three-bed family room available. Airport: Dijon Bourgogne (40km).

Stations: Beaune (12km); Chalon-sur-Saone (20km). Tariff: full tariff shown per room per night. Clear: 360Ffr (25% discount). Red: 440Ffr (50% discount)

ALTEA HOTEL DE BOURGOGNE

Avenue de Gènéral De Gaulle BP 292, 21208 Beaune. GRID REFERENCE: H5. Located in the town centre, 600m from the intersection of Autoroutes Ab. A36 and A37. 120 100ms. Restaurant:: La Calèche:

noon to 2pm and 7.15pm to 9.30pm. Tennis. Golf nearby. Swimming pool. Bar. Room service. Parking. Three-bed family room available. Airport: Dijon Bourgogne

Station: Beaune (2km). Tariff: full tariff shown per room per night. Clear: 350Ffr (25% discount). Pink: 410Ffr (50% discount). Red: 450Ffr (50% discount).



On the waterfront: the Altea Reuze hotel, in Dunkirk

BEAUVAIS

MERCURE ST LAZARE

Avenue Montaigne - Zac St Lazare, 60000 Beauvais. **GRID REFERENCE: F3.** Outside the town centre, a hotel uniting both utility and grace in a lown dominated by the splendid gothic cathedral of St-Pierre. 60 rooms. Restaurant: Grill Le Challenger: 7pm to 10.30pm (Monday to Thursday). Swimming pool. Bar. Parking. Four-bed family room available. Rooms for disabled. Airport: Roissy C.D.G.

Station: Beauvais (3km). Tariff: full tariff shown per room per night. Clear: 280Pfr (25% discount). Pink: 322 Ffr (50% discount). Red: 460 Ffr (50% discount).

BELFORT MERCURE DANJOUTIN

Rue du Docteur Jacquot. 90400 Danioutin. **GRID REFERENCE: 14.** Located between the Alsace and the Doubs, a fully renovated hotel, with a park and a swimming pool. 80 rooms. Restaurant: Les Ombrages noon to 2.30pm and 7pm to 11pm. Golf nearby. Tennis. Swimming pool. Bar. Room service. Parking. Three-bed family room available. Rooms for disabled Airport: Mulhouse Bâle (70km). station: Belfort (2km).

ALTEA HOTEL DU LION

320Ffr (25% discount).

Tariff: full tariff shown per

Pink: 460Ffr (50% discount).

room per night.

2 Rue Georges Clemenceau, 90000 Belfort. **GRID REFERENCE: 14.** Located in the heart of the historic city of Belfort, very close to the railway station. Ideal for business or tourism. 82 Restaurant: Les Saisons:

noon to 2pm and 7pm to 10pm. Bar. Tennis. Parking. Fourbed family room available. Airport: Bale-Mulhouse Station: Belfort (1km).

Tariff: full tariff shown per Clear: 320 Fir (25%

Pink: 460Ffr (50% discount). Red: 535 Ffr (50% discount).

> BESANCON BESANCON CENTRE

4 Avenue Carnot. 25000 GRID REFERENCE: 15. In the heart of a town renowned for its watches, a remarkable, perfectly renovated, turn-of-the-century hotel, once a hot springs resort with a park, 67 rooms. Restaurant: Les Bains: noon to 2.30pm and 7pm to 10.30pm. Golf nearby. Tennis. Bar. Room service. Parking. Threebed family room available. Rooms for disabled. Airport: Bale-Mulhouse

Station: Besancon Viotte (1.5km)Tariff: full tariff shown per room per night Clear: 320Ffr (25% discount). Pink: 420/470Ffr (50% Red: 480/520Ffr (50%

ALTEA HOTEL PARC **MICAUD**

3 Avenue Edoudard Droz. 25000 Besancon. **GRID REFERENCE: 15** Set on a superb site beside the Doubs, the hotel is also near the heart of the city. 95 rooms. Restaurant: Le Vesontio: noon to 2pm and 7pm to midnight. Bar. Parking. Airport: Bale-Mulhouse Station: Besancon Voitte (1km). Tariff: full tariff shown per

Clear: 320Ffr (25% discount).

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room per night.

Pink: 490/430Ffr

BREST ALTEA HOTEL

Square de la Tour D'Auvergne, 22 Rue de Lyon.

CONTINENTAL

29200 Brest. GRID REFERENCE: A3.

In the heart of Brest, near the railway station and harbour. 75 Restaurant: Le Conti: 7.30pm to 11pm. Golf nearby. Bar. Parking. Four-bed family mom available. Airport: Brest-Guipavas

Station: Gare TGV (500m). Tariff: full tariff shown per room per night Clear: 320Ffr (25% discount). Pink: 440Ffr (50% discount). Red: Not applicable.

CHARLEVILLE-MEZIERES

MERCURE VILLES-**SEMEUSE**

Rue Louise Michel, 08000 **GRID REFERENCE: H2.** The native town of the poet Rimhaud --- and also the world's marionette capital (thus suggesting the restaurant's motif) this is a modern hotel ideally suited to work and relaxation. omom 86 Restaurant: Le Dalang: noon

to 2.30pm and 7pm to 10.30pm. Swimming pool. Bar. Room service. Parking. Four-bed family room available. Rooms for Airport: Reims (90km). Tariff: full tariff shown per

room per night.
Clear: 280 Ffr (25 % discount).

Red: 510Ffr (50% discount). **CHARTRES MERCURE**

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CHATELET

6 et 8 Avenue Jehan de Beauce, 28000 Chartres. GRID REFERENCE: E4. A mere 300m from the famous Gothic cathedral in the historic town of Chartres. overlooking the fertile plains of the Beauce. A guiet and Golf. Bar. Parking. Threebed family room available. Rooms for disabled. Airport: Orly (70km). Station: Chartres (150m). Tariff: full tariff shown per room per night. Clear: 380Ffr (25% discount). Pink: 480Ffr (50% discount).

CHATEAUROUX MERCURE CHATEAUROUX CENTRE

Red: 510Ffr (50% discount).

16 Rue Victor Hugo, 36000 **GRID REFERENCE: E5.** Situated within easy distance of shops and places of recreation. this is also an ideal hotel for holding conferences and busine meetings. For tourists, the impressive valleys of the Creuse and the lakes of the Brenne are all within easy reach of the hotel, 60 rooms. Restaurant: Les Jardins de Nohant: noon to 2.30pm and 7pm to 10.30pm. Golf. Bar. Room service. Parking. Three-bed family room available.

COLMAR MERCURE COLMAR

CENTRE

15 Rue Golbery - Galerie Du Rempart, 68000 Colmar. **GRID REFERENCE: J4.** A modern hotel on the edge of the pedestrian district and near the Musée des Unterlinden. **76 rooms.**

Restaurant: La Galerie: noon to 2.30pm and 7pm to 10.30pm. Golf. Tennis. Room service. Bar. Parking. Three-bed family room available. Rooms for

Airports: Strasbourg Entzheim (65km): Bale-Mulhouse (65km) Station: Colmar (1 km). Tariff: full tariff shown per room per night. Clear: 330Ffr (25% discount). Pink: 495 Ffr (50% discount). Red: 560Ffr (50% discount).

> ALTEA CHAMP **DE MARS**

2 Avenue de la Marne, 68000 Colmar. GRID REFERENCE: J4. Located in the town centre, in the middle of the Champ de Mars park. Near the railw station and 3km from the airport. 75 rooms. Restaurant: Wistub: 7pm to lam. Golf. Tennis. Bar. Parking. Three-bed family room

Airport: Strasbourg Entzheim (65km); Bale-Mulhouse (65km) Tariff: full tariff shown per room per night. Clear: 310Ffr (25% discount). Pink: 480Ffr (50% discount). Red: 550Ffr (50% discount).

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ALTEA CHATEAU **BOURGOGNE**

22 BD de la Mame B.P. 25, 21071 Dijon Cedex **GRID REFERENCE: H5.** A few steps from the city centre, in front of the Congress Hall, an ideal place for business or leisure. Hotel fully air-conditioned, private underground car park. 121

Restaurant: Château Bourgogne: noon to 2pm and 7pm to 10.30pm. Golf. Tennis. Swimming pool. Bar. Room service. Satellite TV. Parking. Three-bed family room available. Airport: Dijon-Bourgogne

(10km). Station: Dijon (2km). Tariff: full tariff shown per room per night. Clear: 380Ffr (25% discount).



Near the opera house: the Mercure Centre Le Royal

Airport: Limoges (130km). Station: Chateauroux Tariff: full tariff shown per

room per night Clear: 290Ffr (25% discount). Pinte 420Fir (50% discount). Red: 480Ffr (50% discount).

> CHERBOURG MERCURE CHERBOURG PLAISANCE

Gare Maritime (Car Ferries). 50100 Cherbourg. GRID REFERENCE: C2. Facing the sea, on the sailing harbour and near the lerry terminal, a hotel suggesting an English yach: with teak and brass interiors. A starting point for Jersey, the D-Day beaches and Mont St-Michel. Restaurant: Le Chaper, noon

to 2.30pm and 7pm to 10.30pm. Bar. Room service Three-bed family room Airport: Cherbourg Maupertuis (15km). Station. Cherbourg (800m). Tariff: full tariff shown per

room per night. Clear: 245 '350 Ffr (Bath/Shower) (25% discount) Piak: 365/495 Fir (Bath/Shower) (25% discount) (Bath/Shower) (25% discount) Pink: 495 Ffr (50% discount). Red: 540Ffr (50% discount).

> DUNKIRK **MERCURE** LE LAC

2 Bordure du Lac. 59380 Armbouts/Cappel. **GRID REFERENCE: FI.** On the shores of Lac d'Armbouts-Cappel, right near the Belgian border and mastal Flanders, a warm and welcoming hotel, 64 rooms. Restaurant: Le Lac noon to 2.30pm and 7pm and 10.30pm. Golf. Bar. Room service. Parking Three-bed family room Airport Lille Lesquin (80km). Station: Dunkerque (5km).

ALTEA REUZE

Tariff: fuli tariff shown per

Clear: 280Ffr (25% discount).

Pink: 440Ffr (50% discount)

Red: 510Ffr (50% discount).

room per night

Tour de Reuze. 2 Rue Jean Jaures, 59140 Dunkirk GRID REFERENCE: FI. In the heart of the City, facing the harbour and at the crossroads of the main European fourist routes. Three hours from Paris. two hours from Brussels. 122 Restrurant: Le Jardins de la Tour noon to 3pm and 7pm to

117 Boulevard Aristide Briand, 85000 La Roche Sur Yon.

Located in the town centre. a favourite meeting place for as well as the perfect starting point for visiting the Vendee 67 rooms.

Restaurant: Gallet: noon to 2.30pm and 7pm to 10.30pm. Golf. Tennis. Room service. Satellite TV. Parking. Four-bed family room available. Rooms Airport: Nantes-Atlantique (65km).

Station: La Roche Sur Yon (400m) Tariff: foll tariff shown per room per night. Clear: 310Ffr (25% discount). Pink: 440Ffr (25% discount). Red: 510Ffr (25% discount).

Blanc: 12.30pm to 2.30pm and 7pm to 10.30pm. Golf. Tennis. Swimming pool. Bar. Room service Satellite TV. Parking. Three-bed family room available. Rooms for disabled. Airport Mirecourt-Juvaincourt (40km). Station: Epinal (700m). Tariff: full tariff shown per room per night.
Clear: 365 Ftr (25% discount).

Red: 540Ffr (50% discount). **EVREUX** MERCURE PALAIS

Room service. Satellite TV. Parking. Four-bed family

Airport: Lille (80km). Station: Dunkirk (2km).

Tariff: full tariff shown per

room per night. Clear: 400Ffr (25% discount).

Pink: 485 Ffr (50% discount)

Red: 560Ffr (50% discount)

EPINAL

MERCURE

EPINAL

CENTRE

13 Place Stein - BP 242,

GRID REFERENCE: 14.

A convivial and comfortable

heart of the town opposite the

Pink: 470Ffr (50% discount)

hotel in the city of images, in the

88007 Epinal Cedex

museum. 46 rooms.

Restaurant: Le Mouton

DES CONGRES Angel Bld de Normandie. Avenue du Mal Foch, 27007 Ечтеих. **GRID REFERENCE: E3.** Only 800m from the city centre, and right next to the available conference centre, this hotel's (12km). spacious moms are airmofed, 60 rooms. Bar. Room service. Light meals. Parking. Three-bed family room available. Airport: Roissy C.D.G. (100km). Station: Evreux (1.2km). Tariff: full tariff shown per

HONFLEUR MERCURE VIEUX PORT

room per night. Clear: 350Ffr (25% discount).

Pink: 450Ffr (50% discount).

Red: Not available.

4 Rue des Vases, 14600 **GRID REFERENCE: D3.** A modern hotel facing the Bassin, the Lieutenance and the maritime museum. 56 rooms. Satellite TV. Golf. Bar. Parking. Three-bed family room Airport: Deauville St Gatien (10km).

Station: Deauville (13km). Tariff: full tariff shown per room per night. Clear: 305 Ffr (25% discount). Pink: 475Ffr (25% discount). Red: 550Ffr (25% discount).

LAON ALTEA PARC DE L'AILETTE

Golf de l'Ailette, 02860 GRID REFERENCE: G2. In the Park de l'Ailette. 12km south of Laon, on the water's edge and facing the golf course 60 rooms. Restaurant: L'Ailette: noon to 2.30pm and 7pm to 10.30pm. Satellite TV. Golf. Swimming pool. Parking. Three-bed family room available. Airport: Reims (50km). Station: Laon (12km). Tariff: full tariff shown per room per night. Clear: 360Ffr (25% discount). Pink: 420Fir (50% discount) Red: 480Ffr (50% discount).

LA ROCHE **SUR YON** MERCURE

Pond of tranquility: the Mercure Angers Centre overlooks the ornamental gardens

LAFAYETTE

GRID REFERENCE: C6.

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ALTEA LES TROIS ILES

La Falaise, 17340 Chatelaillon-Place **GRID REFERENCE: C6.** In an ideal location, just outside La Rochelle, opposite the Islands of Ré. Aix and Oleron, a splendid hotel complex with swimming pool, tennis courts, golf range. 78 rooms. Restaurant: Les Alons: noon to 2.30pm and 7pm to 10.30pm. Tennis. Swimming pool. Bar. Parking. Three-bed family room Airport: La Rochelle Laleu

Station: La Rochelle (10km). Tariff: full tariff shown per room per night. Clear: 400Ffr (25% discount).

Pink: 430Ffr (25% discount). Red: 510Ffr (25% discount).

LA ROCHELLE MERCURE LE YACHTMAN 23 Quai Valin, 17000 La Rochelle.

GRID REFERENCE: C6. Across from the old port lowers, a small seaside hotel set near the pedestrian district and town centre. 46 rooms. Restaurant: Le Yachtman: noon to 2.30pm and 7pm to 10.30pm. Golf. Tennis. Swimming pool. Bar. Room service. Parking. Three-bed family room available. Rooms for

Airport: La Rochelle Laleu (2km). Station: La Rochelle (500m). Tariff: full tariff shown per room per night Clear: 310Ffr (25% discount). Pink: 440Ffr (25% discount). Red: 500 Ffr (25% discount).

LE HAVRE MERCURE BASSIN DU COMMERCE Chaussée d'Angeoulème.

76600 Le Havre. GRID REFERENCE: D2. Close by the ferry terminal and the Andre Mairaux Fine Arts Museum, a quiet hotel, overlooking the commercial port. 96 rooms. Restaurant: Le Trois Mats noon to 2.30pm and 7pm to 11pm. Satellite TV. Swimming pool. Room service. Bar, Golf. Tennis. Parking. Four-bed family room available. Rooms for disabled. Airport: Octeville (7km). Station: Le Hayre (600m). Tariff: full tariff shown per room per night. Clear: 360/395 Ffr istandard/superior) (25%

Pink: 535/595 Fir (standard/superior) (25% Red: 610/680Ffr (standard/superior) (25%

LES SABLES D'OLONNE MERCURE THALASSA

LES SABLES Lac de Tanchet, 85100 Les Sables D'Olonne. GRID REFERENCE: C6. Garden, pario, indoor seawater swimming pool, fitness centre, seawater soa in a hotel facing the Lac du Tanchet and the ocean. 100 rooms. Restaurant: Le Grand Large: noon to 2.30pm and 7pm to 10.30pm. Fitness room. Golf. Tennis. Swimming pool. Bar.

Room service. Parking. Three-bed family room available. Rooms for disabled. Airport: Nantes Atlantique Station: Les Sables D'Olonne (3km). Tariff: full tariff shown per

room per night. Clear: 420/500Ffr discount). Pink: 540/580Ffr discount). Red: 610/660Ffr (landview/seaview) (25%

discount).

MILE **MERCURE AEROPORT**

i 10 Rue Jean Jaurès, 59810 Lesquin.

GRID REFERENCE: G1. A short distance from Lille airport, a large hotel with conference space for up to 700 persons. 213 rooms. Restaurant: La Flamme: noon to 3pm and 7pm to midnight, Satellite TV, Bar. Room service. Golf. Tennis. Swimming pool. Parking. Four-bed family room available. Rooms for disabled. Airport: Lille Lesquin (1 km). tation: Lille (7km). Tariff: full tariff shown per room per night. Clear: 440Ffr (25% discount). Pink: 590Ffr (50% discount).

Red: 680Ffr (50% discount). MERCURE LOMME

Al Lille-Dunkirk-Sortie Lomme, 59320 Englos. GRID REFERENCE: G1. At the crossroads of the routes leading to Paris, Dunkirk, Brussels, to the west of Lille. 86 rooms. Restaurant: Le Flandre: noon to 2.30pm and 7pm to 10.30pm. Swimming pool. Bar. Room service. Golf. Tennis. Parking. Three-bed family room available. Airport: Lille Lesquin (10km). Station: Lille (10km). Tariff: full tariff shown per room per night. Clear: 310Ffr (25% discount) Pink: 470Fir (50% Red: 530Ffr (50% discount).

MERCURE CENTRE LE ROYAL

2 Boulevard Carnot, 59800 GRID REFERENCE: G1. Just behind the Opera, a completely remodelled hotel with a 18th-century façade. 102 rooms. Golf. Bar. Parking. Rooms for disabled. Airport: Lille Lesquin (15km). Station: Lille (300m). Tariff: full tariff shown per room per night. Clear: 360 Ffr (25% discount).

Pink: 470Ffr (50% discount). Red: 520Ffr (50% discount). Continued Page 8

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LORIENT MERCURE PALAIS CONGRES

3 | Place JulesFerry, 56 ! 00 Lorient GRID REFERENCE: B4. In the town centre and close to the sea. Friendly atmosphere. 58 rooms. Satellite TV. Golf. Tennis. Parking. Three-bed family room available. Rooms for disabled. Airport: Lorient Lann Bihoue (5km).

Station: Lorient (2km). Tariff: full tariff shown per room per night. Clear: 280 Ffr (25% Pink: 405 Ffr (50% discount). Red: 465 Ffr (50% discount)

LOUDUN MERCURE RENAUDOT

40 Avenue de Leuze, 86200 Loudun. GRID REFERENCE: D5. The smallest and quietest of the Mercure hotels is found, as it should be, in a tiny town. 29 Golf. Parking. Three-bed family room available. Airport: Poitiers-Baird (55km). Station: Cars (500m). Tariff: full tariff shown per room per night. Clear: 250 Fir (25% discount). Pink: 350Ffr (50% discount) Red: Not available.

MAUBEUGE **MERCURE** LOUVROIL

RN2 - Route d'Avesnes, 59720 Louvroil. **GRID REFERENCE: H2.** Conveniently placed near Paradise Lake, between the ramparts of Maubeuge, the zoological gardens and public forests. 59 rooms. Restaurant: Le Grillardin: noon to 2.30pm and 7pm to llpm. Swimming pool. Bar. Golf. Room service. Parking. Three-bed family room available. Rooms for disabled. Airport: Bruxelles (90km): Lille Lesquin (100km). Station: Maubeuge (3km). Tariff: full cariff shown per room per night. Clear: 280Fir (25% discount). Pink: 440Ffr (50% discount).

METZ MERCURE METZ NORD

Rue du Fort Gambetta, 57140 Wolppy. **GRID REFERENCE: 13.** Only a few miles from the town centre, the hotel's restaurant is painted with frescoes depicting historic Metz. Piano bar, exercise track. 83 rooms. Restaurant: Les 3 Arches: noon to 2.30pm and 7pm to 10.30pm. Bar. Room service. Parking. Three-bed family room

available Airport: M Lorraine (15km). Station: Metz (5km). Tariff: full tariff shown per room per night. Clear: 290Ffr (25% discount). Pink: 450Ffr (50% discount). Red: 510Ffr (50% discount).

ALTEA ST-THIEBAULT

29 Place St-Thièbault, 57000 Metz. **GRID REFERENCE: 13.**

Modern and elegant, in the heart of a pleasant town. A meeting place for businessmen. 112 rooms. Restaurant: Les Quatre Saisons: noon to 2pm and 7pm to 10.30pm. Satellite TV Bar. Room service. Golf. Tennis. Parking. Four-bed family room available. Airport Metz-Nancy-Lorraine (20km). Station: Metz (300m). Tariff: full tariff shown per room per night.
Clear: 380 Ffr (25 % discount). Pink: 470 Fir (50% discount). Red: 500 Fir (50% discount).

MULHOUSE MERCURE ILE NAPOLEON

68390 Saisheim GRID REFERENCE: 14. Close to the Swiss and German borders and five minutes from the Hardt forest, a functional and inviting hotel nestling in greenery. 98 Restaurant: He Napoleon:

moon to 2.30pm and 7pm to 10.30pm. Swimming pool. Bar. Tennis. Parking. Three-bed family room available. Rooms for disabled Airport: Mulhouse-Bâle (25km). Station: Mulhouse (5km). Tariff: full tariff shown per room per night. Clear: 310Ffr (25% discount).

Pink: 440Ffr (50% discount).

Red: 500Ffr (50% discount).

ALTEA **MULHOUSE**

4 Place de Charles de Gaulle, 68100 Mulhouse, GRID REFERENCE: 14 This moden hotel benefits from an ideal location in the middle of the business centre, yet not far from the vineyards of Alsace. Ski resorts such as La Bresse are half an hour's drive away. 96 rooms. Bar. Satellite TV. Parking. Airport Mulhouse-Bâle. Station: Mulhouse. Tariff: full tariff shown per room per night. Clear: 300 Ffr (25% discount). Pink: 495 Ffr (50% discount). Red: 650 Ffr (50% discount).

> **MERCURE SAUSHEIM**

RN 422 A, 68390 Sausheim. GRID REFERENCE: 14. A spacious hotel in a lush en setting 5km from Mulhouse and near the famous Automobile museum 100 rooms. Restaurant: La Tissandière noon to 2.30pm and 7pm to 10.30pm. Swimming pool. Bar. Room service. Tennis. Parking. Three-bed family

Airport: Mulhouse-Bale (25km). Station: Mulhouse (5km). Tariff: full tariff shown per room per night. Clear: 330Ffr (25% discount). Pink: 465 Ffr (50% discount) Red: 550Ffr (50% discount).

room available. Rooms for

HANCY MERCURE NANCY CENTRE

5 Rue des Carmes, 54000 Nancy GRID REFERENCE: 13. An attractive hotel 100m from the Place Stanislas, and close to the train station. Two excellent conference rooms, 80

Bar. Room service. Satellite TV. Parking. Four-bed family

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The heart of the matter: the Altea Hotel Continental is ideally situated for shopping, sport and transport

Station: Nancy (100m). Tariff: full tariff shown per room per night Clear: 305 Fir (25% discount). Pink: 465 Ffr (50% discount).

ALTEA THIERS II Rue Raymond Poincare. 54000 Nancy.

GRID REFERENCE: 13. Opposite the railway station close to the Place Stanislas, the hotel was fully renovated last vear. 192 rooms: Restaurant: La Toison d'Or. noon to 2pm and 7pm to 10.30pm. Satellite TV. Bar. Room service. Tennis. Golf. Parking. Four-bed family room available Airport: Metz-Nancy Lorraine (35km). Station: Nancy Tariff: full tariff shown per room per night.
Clear: 380Ffr (25% discount). Pink: 475 Ffr (50% discount).

> ALTEA NANTES **CARQUEFOU**

RN23 - 3 Rue de L'Hotelerie, 44470 Carquefou. **GRID REFERENCE: 13.** Set in a calm and neaceful park, close to the La Beaujoire Exhibition Centre and the centre of Nantes, 76 rooms. Restaurant: Le Trident: noon to 2.30pm and 7pm to 10.30pm. Swimming pool, Bar, Room service. Golf. Parking. Four-bed family room available Airport: Nantes Atlantique (21 km). Station: Nantes (7km).

Tariff: full tariff shown per room per night. Clear: 300Ffr (25% discount). Pink: 430Ffr (50% discount). Red: 500Ffr (50% discount)

> **MERCURE** NANTES **OUEST**

RN 165 Direction Vannes . La Baule, 44360 Vigneux de **GRID REFERENCE: 13.** Fifteen minutes from the airport via the new Chevere Bridge, next to the Atlantic heaches, a one-storey, quiet hotel with easy access. All the rooms are located around a luxuriantly planted patio. 90

rooms. Restaurant: Le Jardin d'Atlantel: noon to 2,30pm and 7pm to 11pm. Swimming pool. Bar. Room service. Golf. Tennis, Parking, Four-bed family room available. Rooms for disabled. Airport: Nantes Atlantique Station: Nantes (15km).

Tariff: full tariff shown per room per night. Clear: 300Ffr (25% discount) Pink: 420Ffr (50% discount). Red: 470Fir (50% discount)

NEMOURS ALTEA Darvault-

NEMOURS Aire de Darvault - Autoroute A6, 77140 Nemours. **GRID REFERENCE: G4.** Located 77km south of Paris, bordering a wood, the hotel has direct access from both sides of Autoroute A6 and route RN7. 102 rooms. Tennis. Golf. Parking. Fourbed family room available. Airport: Orly (70km). Station: Nemours (3km). Tariff: full tariff shown per

room per night. Clear: 380 Ffr (25% discount Pink: 450 Ffr (50% discount). Red: 495 Ffr (50% discount)

> PERONNE MERCURE **ASSEVILLERS**

Autoroute Al - Aire d'Assevillers, 80200 Assevilliers. GRID REFERENCE: F2. Accessible from both the Autoroute and the Nationale. fully air-conditioned, 45 minutes from Paris and 30 minutes from Lille. 92 rooms. Restaurant: Les Anguillères: noon to 2.30pm and 7pm to 10.30pm. Swimming pool. Satellite TV. Room service. Bar. Parking, Four-bed family Airport: Roissy C.D.G. (99km). Station: Lille (66km). Tariff: full tariff shown per room per night. Clear: 380 Ffr (25% discount).

POITIERS MERCURE RELAIS DE POITIERS

Pink: 490Ffr (50% discount).

Red: 580Ffr (50% discount).

Route Nationale 10, 86360 Chasseneuil de Poitou. GRID REFERENCE: E6 Stop-over hotel 6km from Paitiers, 2km from Futuroscop Park, specially designed for conferences, 96 moms. Restaurant: Le Relais de Poitiers: noon to 2.30pm and 7pm to 10.30pm. Satellite TV. Bar. Room service. Swimming pool. Golf. Tennis. Parking. Four-bed family room available. Rooms for disabled. Airport: Poitiers-Baird (8km). Station: Poiners (7km).

Tariff: full tariff shown per room per night. Clear: 345 Fir (25% discount). Pink: 460Ffr (50% discount) Red: 530Ffr (50% discount).

room per night. Clear: 340Ffr (25% discount)

Pink: 480Ffr (50% discount)

Red: 580Ffr (50% discount).

Place Du Colombier, Rue du

GRID REFERENCE: C4

In the heart of the city, an

airport and 800m from the

railway station. 140 rooms.

Airport: Rennes St-Jacques

Tariff: full tariff shown per

room per night. Clear: 340Ffr (25% discount).

Pink: 480Ffr (50% discount).

ROUBAIX

HOTEL

22 Avenue J.B. Lebas. 59100

GRID REFERENCE: G1.

A luxury hotel in the heart of

and Belgium. 92 rooms.

noon to 2pm and 8pm to

Restaurant: Les Marmises

10.30pm. Bar. Room service.

Airport: Lille Lesquin (12km). Station: Roubaix (300m).

Tariff: full tariff shown per

room per night. Clear: 420Ffr (25% discount).

Pink: 490Ffr (50% discount).

ROUEN

ALTEA CHAMP

DE MARS

Avenue Aristide Briand.

GRID REFERENCE: E3.

On the banks of Seine facing

de Mars and just 800m from

the pedestrian town centre and

comfortable hotel. 139 rooms.

Mars: noon to 2pm and 7pm to

Satellite TV. Parking. Four-bed family room available. Rooms

Airport Rouen-Boos (12km). Station: Rouen (1.5km).

Tariff: full tariff shown per

room per night.

cathedral. New and very

Restaurant: Le Champ de

10pm. Bar. Room service.

the He Lacroix, near the Champ

76000 Rouen.

Red: 590Ffr (50% discount).

Parking. Three-bed family room

Roubaix. Ten minutes from Lille

Station: Rennes T.G.V.

Red: Not available.

Rennes.

(500km).

ALTEA PARC DU

COLOMBIER

REIMS ALTEA

CHAMPAGNE 3 I Boulevard Paul Doumer. 5 / 100 Reims **GRID REFERENCE: G3.** A handsome hotel for business and tourism, on the banks of the Marne Canal, 90 minutes from Paris, and five minutes from the cathedral. 124 rooms Restaurant: Les Ombrages

noon to 2pm and 7pm to 10pm. Golf. Bar. Room service. Parking. Four-bed family room availahi Airport: Reims Champagne Station: Gare de Reims

(1.5km)Tariff: full tariff shown per room per night. Clear: 360Ffr (25% discount). Pink: 465 Ffr (50% discount). R**ed:** Not available.

> MERCURE REIMS EST

Route de Chalons-Les Essillards, 51100 Reims, GRID REFERENCE: G3. A warm and functional hotel 3km from the town centre, 103 Restaurant: Les Vignobles: noon to 11 pm. Swimming pool. Golf, Room service. Parking Four-bed family room available. Rooms for disabled. Airport: Reims Champagne

Station: Reims (4km). Tariff: full tariff shown per room per night. Clear: 350Ffr (25% discount). Pink: 480Ffr (50% discount).

RENNES MERCURE **RENNES CENTRE**

Rue P.L. Courrier (Angle rue Pré Botté), B.P. 5091 - 35061 Rennes Cedex. **GRID REFERENCE: C4** Located in the business and tourist section, a new, very quiet hotel set in the former printing plant of the newspaper Ouest-France, with beamful turn-of-the-century architecture. 104 rooms. Satellite TV. Golf. Bar. Parking. Three-bed family room Airport: Rennes St-Jacques Station: Rennes T.G.V. (800m)

Pink: 530Ffr (50% discount). Red: 580 Ffr (50% discount).

Clear: 450Ffr (25% discount)

ST JEAN-**DE-MONTS ALTEA LE SLOI**

Avenue des Pays de Monts, 85160 St Jean-de-Monts. GRID REFERENCE: C5. Close to a large sandy beach. between the golf course and the seawater soa. Casino and conference centre nearby. 44 Restaurant: Le Sioi: noon to

2pm and 7. ISpm to 10pm. Swimming pool. Bar. Room service Tennis, Golf. Parking. Three-bed family room available. Rooms for disabled. Airport: Nantes Atlantique (65km). Station: Chalians (15km). Tariff: full tariff shown per

room per night. Clear: 350Ffr (25% discount). Pink: 475Ffr (25% discount). Red: 555Ffr (25% discount).

> ST-VALERY-EN-CAUX

ALTEA ST-VALERY-**EN-CAUX**

Capitaine Maignan, 35000 14 Avenue Georges Clemenceau. 76460 St-Valeryen-Caux. **GRID REFERENCE: E2.** ideal rendezvous for business On the harbour, 150m from people, 6km from St-Jacque the railway station of this delightful seaside resort. 149 Restaurant: Le Goelo: noon to Restaurant: Le Marais: noon 2pm and 7.30pm to 10.15pm. to 2pm and 7.30pm to 9.30pm. Satellite TV. Swimming pool. Golf. Tennis. Room service. Bar. Parking. Three-bed family room available.

Golf Tennis Room service. Parking. Four-bed family room available. Rooms for disabled. Airport: Rouen/Boos (72km). Station: St-Valery-en-Caux (100m). Tariff: full tariff shown per

STRASBOURG

room per night. Clear: 330Ffr (25% discount). Piak: 365 Ffr (25% discount). Red: 420Ffr (25% discount). STRASBOURG **ALTEA GRAND MERCURE**

> CENTRE 25 Rue Thomann, 67000 Strasbourg. **GRID REFERENCE: 13.** Very attractive and modern hotel in Strasbourg's town centre, between Kleber Place and St-Pierre-le-Jeune church. A short walk from the cathedral and the main market. 98 rooms. Satellite TV. Bar. Parking. Three-bed family room available. Rooms for disabled. Airport: Strasbourg Entzheim (15km). Station: Strasbourg (2km). Tariff: full tariff shown per room per night. Clear: 380Ffr (25% discount). Pink: 565 Ffr (50% discount).

> > ALTEA PONT

Red: 650Ffr (50% discount).

DE L'EUROPE Parc du Rhin, 67000 **GRID REFERENCE: 13.** Set in a park on the banks of the Rhine. Five minutes from the city centre, close to the Pont de l'Europe, the bridge linking France and Germany, 93 Restaurant: Le Liseron: noon to 2pm and 7pm to 10pm. Satellite TV. Room service. Bar. Golf. Parking. Three-bed

family room available.

Airport: Strasbourg

Entzheim (15km).

Town/City

Station, Strasbourg tokint Tariff: full tariff shown per room per rught Clean 365 Ffr (25% discount) Pink: 470Fir (50% discount) Red: 520Ffr (50% discount)

> MERCURE STRASBOURG SUD

Rue du 23 Novembre, 67540 **GRID REFERENCE: 13** Ten minutes from the town centre and Entzheim international airport, with swimming pool, patio, greenen and recreation areas, 98

Restaurant: Le Prunus: nnon to 2.30pm and 7pm to 10.30pm Satellite TV. Bar. Swimmi pool. Golf. Parking. Four-bed family room available. Room: Airport: Strasbourg Entzheim (8km). Station: Strasbourg (Skm). Tariff: full wriff shown per room per night. Clear: 310Ffr (25% discount). Pink: 460Ffr (50% discount) Red: 530Ffr (50% discount).

> TOURS **ALTEA TOURS-**CENTRE

4 Place Thiers. 37000 Tours. GRID REFERENCE: ES. Located at the crossroads of several major Autoroutes, about 500m from downtown and the railway station. Ideal starting point to visit the Chateaux de la Loire. 120 room. Restaurant: Les Muses: noor to 2.30pm and 7pm to 10.30pm TV. Tennis, Golf. Parking, Four bed family room available Rooms for disabled. Airport Tours St Symphorien (3km). Station: Tours (500m). Tariff: full tariff shown per room per night. Clear: 380Ffr (25% discount). Pink: 490Ffr (50% discount). Red: 590Ffr (50% discount).

MERCURE TOURS NORD

7 Rue de l'Aviation. Parcey Meslay, 37100 Tours Nord GRID REFERENCE: E5. Opening on July 1, the hotel s close to St Symphoren airport. 93 rooms. Restaurant: Les Vignes: noon to 10.30pm. Bar. Swimming pool. Room service. Parking Four-bed family rooms available. Rooms for disabled Airport: St Symphoren (2km). Station: Tours TGV (okm). Tariff: full tariff shown per room per day. Clear: 380F(r (25% discount) Pink: 495Ffr (50% discount).

VAL DE REUIL ALTEA LOUVIERS

Red: Not available

Licu-Dit Les Clouets, 27 100 Val-de-Reuit. GRID REFERENCE: F3. Close to the Bord forest and the A 13 Paris-Caen Autoroute. 58 rooms Restaurant: Les Clouets: noon to 2pm and 7pm to 10pm. Swimming pool. Bar. Golf. Tennis, Parking, Three-bed family room available. Airport: Rouen/Boos (20km). Station: Val de Reuil (5km). Tariff: full tariff shown per room per night. Clear: 295 Ffr (25% discount). Pink: 450Ffr (50% discount). Red: 515Ffr (50% discount).

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Hotels: the Paris area

18 - 30 Rue Baudin, 92400 **GRID REFERENCE: F3.** A modern city hotel, directly linked to the shopping centre. and only five minutes by 500 rooms Restaurant: L'Atelier. Piano bed family room available. Rooms for disabled. Airports: Orly (35 mins) Charles de Gaulle (35 mins). Station: RER La Défense. Metro: La Defens Tariff: full tariff shown per room per night. Clear: 620Ffr (25% discount). Pink: 750Fir (50% discount). Red: 890Ffr (50% discount).

MERCURE

Down the hill of Montmartre.

Moulin Rouge. Ideal for business meetings or discovering Paris. 308 rooms. Satellite TV. Bar. Room service. Public parking. Three-bed family room available. Rooms for disabled. Airport: Roissy C.D.G. Station: St Lazare (1 km).

Metro: Place Clichy (60m). Tariff: full tariff shown per room per night. Clear: 620Ffr (25% discount). Pink: 820Ffr (50% discount). Red: 940Ffr (50% discount).

MERCURE VAUGIRARD

69 Boulevard Victor, 75015 **GRID REFERENCE: F3.** The ideal left-bank hotel unites efficiency, modernity and the good life. 91 moms. Restaurant: Le Tenne noon to 3pm and 7pm to 11pm. Bar. Room service. Parking. Four-bed family room available. Rooms for disabled.

Site for sore eyes: no trip to Paris is complete without a visit to Montmartre

Airport: Orly (15km).

(4 km). Metro: Porte de Versailles (100m) Tariff: full tariff shown per room per night. Clear: 680Ffr (25% discount). Pink: 920Ffr (50% discount). Red: 1400Ffr (50%

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On track for bargains in wine country

Robin Young continues his guide to

wine-buying in France with some tips on dealing direct from the growers

he most exciting and pleasurable way of buying wine in France is by dealing direct with the wine growers. Touring the wine region, tasting in the chai, and haggling in a friendly manner over a glass in the vigneron's kitchen is a lot more fun than standing in the queue for a hypermarket checkout.

Buying direct is also, if you are careful about it, the way of getting the best wine bargains. Add to that the inestimable value of being able to serve to your friends a wine which you have discovered yourself and whose maker you know, and it is not easy to see why the British do not follow the example of the French and buy most of their wine

In France most wine lovers buy much of their wine directly from the growers, either by

mail order or by paying an annual visit to the vinemajor timerentes at yards. Many growers sell the bulk of order, and the rest in what we would call farmgate sales. Buying wine direct, though, is not as easy as it was, and there are pitfalls. When I first be-

came interested in wine it was quite possible for me, as a novice with not even schoolboy French (I learnt German), to front up at Cos d'Estournel in St-Estephe and Chateau Ducru-Beaucaillou in St-Julien demanding to taste the wine on the chance that I might buy a few bottles. They tapped barrels for me, showed me the chai, explained the vineyard layout and winemaking techniques and, at Cos, introduced me to the carthorses who still worked on the estate. (No. I am not as old as that might make me sound: this was in

Nowadays, Cos and Ducru are internationally celebrated "superseconds" whose wines are on limited allocation even to wellestablished wine merchants and are certainly not available by the odd bottle or two to casual callers at

the 1960s.)

Some of the great Bordeaux châteaux have now geared themselves up to welcome visitors for guided tours, but free tastings are a thing of the past. On the other DE REUIL hand you will still very likely find a welcome, so long as you are not time, at most of the petits châteaux, the Bordeaux region's humbler properties, which have quite a glut

of good wines still to sell. The first rule is to do some homework before you set out. Get to know something about the wines of the region you are going to visit and, if you have not already done so, develop your taste for them by

LE TOUQUET

its catalogue of assets.

land shooting lodges.

Le Touquet's villas, set back from

and a racecourse, would still be just

The place was originally concrived just over a century ago by

John Whitley, a Yorkshire husiness-

man. Garnier, the architect of the

Paris Opéra, was a consultant for

his schemes. Louis Pasteur and

Sarah Bernhardt were patrons. De

Villemessant, the founder of Le

Figuro newspaper, hit on the wheeze of adding Paris-Plage (Par-

is's beach) to Le Touquet's name,

and the golf links were opened in

1904 by the British prime minister,

During the 1920s the British

made Le Touquet-Paris-Plage the

choice destination for the smart set.

The Westminster Hotel still trea-

sures pictures of the Prince of Wales

thater Edward VIII) setting out to go drag-hunting in 1927. When

the Picardy Hotel opened in 1929

Arthur Ballour.

identities of those you like, keeping a list of growers or co-operatives whose wines you find attractive.

If you are a regular customer of a British wine merchant, ask whether they can offer any introductions which might be useful.

Take some literature with you, particularly the wine list of any British merchant who specialises in the wines of the area. For example, if you are going to Beaujolais you should already be familiar with the list of Roger Harris Wines, the specialist Beaujolais shipper working from Loke Farm, Weston Long-ville, Norfolk. If you are headed down the Loire or Rhône valleys you should know Robin Yapp's list from Yapp Brothers, Mere,

Like several other British wine merchants, these chaps started in business by doing

what you are about to do yourself: taking a vehicle into the wine country to buy some wine. The idea in taking their lists along with you is not to attempt to cut into their now well-established lines of supply, but to have a clear guide to the prices you should expect to be

paying and the qualities you should be looking for. In every wine region of France you will find that signs announcing Vins - Vente Directe line the roads. The even more pressing invitation Dégustation - Vente assures you that you will be offered

As a general rule one can assume that the bigger and brighter the boards, the less attractive and more pricey the wines will be. Where free tastings are offered, you can theoreneally leave without buying if you do not like what you taste. Be warned, though: it sometimes requires considerable courage and determination to exercise that

Unless they belong to local cooperatives, large roadside shops offering wines in pre-packed gift wrapping and souvenir boxes are unlikely to be the source of great vinous pleasure. Coopératives are particularly important and good in Alsace, the south-west and the Rhone valley, but are also worth seeking out in Burgundy (where wine buying from individual growers is especially tricky), Beaujolais, and even the Médoc.

As often as not the best wines may be for sale at a house or a farm which carries no sign at all. The only way to find such a source may be by chatting to the locals, starting perhaps in the village tabac, café or restaurant. If a popular restaurant or grocery stocks the wines of a local grower, it is fair indication that his reputation is good, though not necessarily that he has any stocks



Taste for adventure: some growers are still willing to give tastings to intrepid potential customers who turn up at the door

left to sell. An investment of 159 francs in Le Guide Hachette des Vins, which is on sale in most French bookshops, is likely to pay dividends. The volume lists a lot of producers in each region with their addresses, telephone numbers and opening hours. It warns you if an appointment is necessary and details the wines the growers have to sell, with star ratings, tasting notes, and a price guide, which is printed red for wines the editors think

There is a similar book, more partisan and selective and written in even more awkwardly idiomatic French, produced by the Gault-Millau team. English reference books, of which the best is Hugh Johnson's Wine Companion, list top-class producers region by region, but are less comprehensive.

particularly good value.

Once you have found your grower, you are likely to be offered a tasting, probably in the cellar. A good cellar should be tidy and smell pleasant. Decent wine seldom

Bertie Wooster's seaside suburb

springs from unhygienic condi-

You are unlikely to be offered the best wine first, but your comments on what you are given to taste may well determine how much further your tasting opportunities go. It is useless to pretend to knowledge you do not have: the only advisable tactic is to say what you think frankly. It is here that your pre-trip tastings may stand you in good

Buying wine from a grower to bring home should theoretically enable you to avoid VAT, which is 18.6 per cent in France. The grower has to fill in a VA2 form for

He may keep a stock of these. More likely you will have to fetch one from the local tax office, the Bureau de la Perception in towns, or sometimes the tabac in a village. In my limited experience tracking down and completing the required documentation can still be a frustrating and time-consuming experience, though procedures have been simplified in recent years. You should keep receipts for any wines

you purchase to show customs. At present the duty-free limit with British customs is eight litres per adult, and only five if you bring in spirits, fortified or sparkling wines as well. Next year, though, the limit shoots up to 120 bottles for each adult, and possibly more if you can satisfy the Customs officers that your imports are exclusively for nersonal use

Meanwhile, it can still be worthwhile on wines for which you have an urgent need, ie, those you intend to drink before and over Christmas. to go over the limit and stump up

the duty. You will be required to pay 95p a bottle on excess bottles of still wine (sparkling wines and champagne cost more) plus 17.5 per cent VAT on the purchase price. You may be able to reclaim any VAT paid in France for which you can show a receipt. Good hunting!

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torists keen to re-enact the driving

sequences from Un Homme et Une

he town's busy programme

trials, tennis championships and L'Enduro motor-bike race. That

last, an event so popular it has

sometimes to be marshalled by the

army, also gives its name to a wickedly delicious chocolate and

praline treat to be savoured at the

Lido, a first-class pâtisserie and

salon de thé at the corner of Rue

Le Touquet is dressed overall

with flowers, which smother the

boulevard roundabouts and drip

from hanging baskets on the lamp

posts. There are also caravan sites

and camping grounds tucked away

Le Touquei's small and grassy

airfield overlooks the fishing port of

Étaples and Lutyens's magnificent

war memorial. The airport is quiet

and mostly used by private pilots

with their own small planes,

though there are a few scheduled

Jean and Rue Londres.

of events includes sailing

regattas, windsurfing, dog

Cheap house, costly hobby

am not by nature an acquisitive person but there is no denying that few "for sale" signs can have been erected in the civilised world without me being found gazing at the property at one time or another in search of some signal that I should buy it All evidence — of location, size, condition, financial resources — mitigating against the venture is disregarded, at least in the first flush of enthusiasm.

"Maison à vendre" having an altogether more romantic ring to it than "for sale", my rubbernecking activities around the French property market are very nearly legendary. Even now, there exists near St Dolay in southern Brittany a lady estate agent who could have sworn she sold me a house for £6,000 back in 1985. Even now, gazing at black and white photographs of this

property (no floor, no water, no electricity) I can hear myself enthusing over its tremendous potential and splendid new roof. Even now, I cannot for the life of me think why I did not buy it.



You have just sailed past one of he buzz terms of French property buying: "tremendous potential". We Francophiles carry this phrase around as part of our emergency provisions, along with another incredible value. Cheap, cheap: we trill it like birds.

But as I shall show in this series. buying property in France really can be a sound investment, provided investment is not the main motivation and patience is not the least of your virtues. Certain parts of France, such as Brittany and the Dordogne, have acquired cricket teams and whingeing Brits in proportions that make those areas less attractive than they were, but



go far enough south and even in who speak the language. French that is.

There is no great mystery about the French property market. Vil-lage houses are cheaper there because many villages are dying and because France has 3.5 times the British land mass with the same population.

fter the false start in 1985, in 1989 we went south for better weather and bought in the southern Dordogne (three bedrooms and a third of an acre) for £20,000. No central heating, but we had no intention of spending winters there. All we have done is bought

furniture, painted outside and in and had a concrete floor put in a store room at the back. That was under three years ago; now the house is worth nearly £30,000. even in a depressed market. We increased our British mortgage, on a flat in Bristol, to pay for the French house and when we sold the flat last year the proceeds covered the mortgage increase with £15,000 to spare.

Obviously the move would be more of a gamble now than it was then so I stress: don't buy in France purely for investment. Nor should you buy there, even in the Dordogne, if you are expecting yearround sunshine. You can freeze there in April and be rained upon in May or even June. Nor is France idyllic and universally friendly, it has some boring bits and some insufferably starchy people.

France is merely different. Don't buy there on the basis of a single holiday and don't under-estimate the time and expense involved in getting to and fro. Bear in mind the cost of the Channel crossings and the drive south is no picnic if time is

Put a damper on it? Au contraire. If you really like France you will be enormously rewarded by having a home away from home.

PETER BARNARD

On the hoof: Le Touquet's facilities include an equestrian centre

jazz band from America and a tango band from Argentina.

For a time only chauffeur-driven cars were allowed. The owner of Selfridges hired a train to bring his guests. The era ended with the war, when in a blunder of Woosterish proportions the Wodehouses, last to leave because they were getting their Pekinese into quarantine, allowed themselves to be taken prisoner by the Germans. Yet some

of the atmosphere survives. In the tightly-knit grid of streets that make up the town centre behind the seafront, shops selling Persian carpets, furs, jewels and oil paintings cohabit amiably with a smaller number selling simple necessities. The most astonishing buildings are the gloriously kitsch

rated inside with murals of bold banality depicting medieval life: the Ste Jeanne d'Are church and the Post Office, which share an elegant art nouveau style; and a covered market which is a grand, semicircular arcade simultaneously reminiscent of Lutyens and of an

Flavio's Club de la Forêt is a restaurant of style and distinction whose menus start with a 150-franc weekday lunch and rise to a 680franc blow-out centred on a choice of five ways with lobster. Flavio himself is an affable and chany Anglo-Italian veteran of the prewar London hotels. If Flavio's seems 100 swank, down the Rue de Metz is the most frequented fish canteen of northern France. Serge Pérard's restaurant lives beside his

fish shop beneath a carapace of neon signs. Customers have to circumnavigate crates of freshcaught fish to reach the dining room, through which speeding wanters bear aloft bowls of soupe de poissons and platters overhung with complicated crustaceans. A meal here makes an unforgettable

experience at about \$20 a head. Wodehouse's former home, Low Wood, is, like many of its neighbours on the Avenue du Golf, an imitation farmhouse. Now called Low Wood Manor, it is near Le Manoir hotel and backs on to the golf course. There is no plaque and iew locals know the great humorist over lived there.

Perhaps it is only a matter of time before Le Touquet's elegance is smothered, but as yet the only

flights from Britain each day. The terminal restaurant, L'Escale, is so good locals go there to eat. Between the woods and the river. alongside the racecourse, the pony club and the equestrian centre, is a lawn devoted to dressage training for dogs. In Le Touquet, though latter-day Bertie Woosters are welcome, even canines, banned from the beach by municipal decree, are

required to be well behaved.

Le Touquet-Paris-Plage is 20 miles from Boulugne, which is served by Hoverspeed Seacai services from Folke-Hoverspeed Sedeal services from Polices from Dover. Love Air operates flights to Le Touquet airport from Lydd with return fares from £69 to £89, and from

COMING UP IN PASSPORT TO FRANCE

A REGULAR series, Insiders' France, will start on Tuesday next week, including handy information for travellers. We would also like seasoned francophiles to send us their tips so that we can pass them on to the uninitiated. Readers might like to know where to find a good meal in Rouen, a nightclub in Bordeaux, or a scenic short-cut through the Dordogne. And those who understand the traffic system or the intricacies of petanque may care to share their wisdom with other readers. Send your tips to Insiders' France. Times Features. 1 Pennington St., London, E1 9XN.

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the first clients were greeted by a orange brick Hotel de Ville, deco-

over-sized stud farm.

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MEDIA MOLE

EXACTLY which member of the cabinet has bad breath? The reason for the concern is that Spitting Image has taken to casting asp... ons upon a cabi-net member recently. David Mellor has been insisting privately to his friends that it

certainly isn't him. But who is it? Now Mr Mellor's interest in Spitting Image is well known, for when he was still at the Home Office he made inquiries about when he might be appearing in latex.

But his desire to be portrayed in rubber pales into insignificance by comparison with Jeffrey Archer's. The former deputy chairman of the Conservarive party apparently went to the trouble of sending the Spitting Image team a tape recording of his voice to make sure they got it right.

On the halitosis question, all the Spitting Image men are prepared to say is that the cabinet member they had in mind was rather shorter in stature then the right honourable member for Putney.

WHEN it comes to big autobiographies, there is probably not going to be a bigger one — in size anyway — than Luciano Pavarotti's. The great tenor's freshly minted agent in London has been soliciting bids for his life story for a suitably large sum. not unadjacent to £75,000.

One mild-mannered publisher made the mistake of asking if he might see a treatment of the story before committing himself to spending quite such a substantial sum as an advance against

You want autobiography of Mr Pavarotti, you send cheque for £75,000," came the fierce "Then perhaps Mr



Pavarotti: going for a song

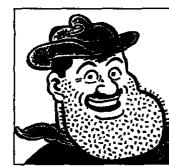
Not surprisingly, the publisher But the offer he could refuse

wasn't refused elsewhere. D.C. THOMSON of Dundee, creator of Desperate Dan. Dennis the Menace, Corki the Kat and many other childhood heroes, has long been reticent about its business. A private company, the publisher of the

Dandy and the Beano has kept a low profile. But it has also been

a shrewd investor.

None of its investments was shrewder than the almost 20 per cent stake it acquired in Britain's biggest ITV company, Central Television. The brothers Thomson acquired their five million shares almost a decade ago when the price was hardly more than El each. The shares now



Desperate Dan: profitable

stand at more than £14. But if you ask Thomson headquarters if it has any television holdings, a polite lady explains: "I'm afraid we aren't at liberty to tell vou that.'

Another sign of the company's legendary fiscal sobriety is that it declines to have one of the signs of modern corporate success - a fax machine.

THE Observer's circulation may have temporarily slipped below that of The Sunday Telegraph, but its proprietor's enthusiasm for it remains. At a recent Lonrho board meeting, it was suggested that the Observer was a drain on resources and therefore a potential item for sale. Why are you trying to make me miserable?" Tiny Rowland re-port lly boomed. "I could have been sitting in my garden instead of listening to this. The Observer is not for sale."

GEOFFREY WANSELL

Opening up a weird world

an shoots dog is not news; dog shoots man is. This is the view at least at Fortean Times, the peculiar but entertaining magazine dedicated to chronicling "all manner of strange

phenomena". The June edition reports, for example, on unfortunate hunters throughout the world who, in the reverse of the normal pattern, have been shot by animals. One was shot by a dog jumping on his gun, while in other instances the unexpected culprits were a fleeing rabbit and a snake which coiled itself around the weapon. And this is not to mention the man who shot a stag on a rocky ledge and was killed when it fell on

top of him. The journal's motley contents defy categorisation. An issue earlier this year featured UFO sightings in Uzbekistan, a call to establish a minister for pyschic phenomena, and a listing of all known robberies committed with the aid of cucumbers and other vegetables disguised as weapons.

Fortean Times's devoted readers are as diverse as its subject matter, ranging from those who consider it enjoyable absurdity to others liable to suspect an inter-gallactic conspiracy behind the most mundane of coincidences. Most fall in between. regarding the phenomena it covers with a mixture of belief and

Until recently the magazine was available only on subscription and was known to a limited number of enthusiasts. Since being acquired last year by John Brown Publishing, it has added newsagent sales of about 15,000 for each bimonthly issue to its 3,000 or so subscribers. However, it currently seems unlikely to reach the target of 50.000

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The magazine with the motto 'readers

beware' is being relaunched. Martin Rosenbaum reports

aging director, John Brown. He now attributes this target to his own "over-enthusiasm". a forgivable fault in the publisher who took sales of the comic Viz from a few thousand around Newcastle 10 more than a million throughout

Mr Brown and the magazine's editors, Bob Rickard and Paul Sieveking, are now taking the next steps in bringing the bizarre material to a wider audience. Fortean Times is being relaunched this month in a new A4 format, which they hope newsagents will find easier to display.

The highlight of the June relaunch issue is a colour poster on crop circles. This topic fascinates Rickard, who founded the journal as a one-man operation in 1973. "You have explanations varying from scientific on the one hand to supernatural on the other. All being investigated by people who only look for evidence to confirm their view and ignore everything else."

The magazine is named after Charles Fort, an unorthodox American philosopher (1874-1932) who studied reports of anomalous phenomena which conventional science could not explain. Its mission is to continue his work. "We are not anti-science," says Mr Rickrad. "But we are guardians of the little things which cannot be accommodated in a scientific approach. We want readers to appreciate the wonderful complexity of everyday life. We appeal to open-minded people all over the world and give them something to think about."
The subject matter may be ex-

traordinary, but the tone of the magazine is sober and measured. almost academic. It has acquired a reputation for independence and thoroughness, but it is not to everyone's taste. One critic described it as possessing the intellectual authority of a turnip field. Mr Rickard hopes that newsagents will place it by New Scientist and Scientific American. but some who take a different view of its credibility have put it next to Viz and Private Eye.

The editors make clear that they assert neither the truth nor the falsity of the many strange accounts they pass on. Criticised by a reader for printing the apparently incor-rect claim that Tokyo has the world's only human brain collection, Mr Sieveking replied: "If we were to publish only material that we knew for certain to be true. Fortean Times would be slender indeed. Our material is innately borderline and contentious."

Mr Rickard is reluctant to reveal his own aninions on the phenomena he reports, but relents when pressed. He thinks that human beings sometimes do spontaneously combust and that fish occasionalrain from the sky, but that nobody has really been kidnapped

If you want to know why people who have seen flying saucers often say that their occupants looked like frogs or lizards, then read the new issue of Fortean Times. But bear in mind what Mr Rickard describes as the magazine motto: caveat lector - reader beware.



Dog shoots man: the victim and the culprit in Fortean Times

Room with a viewing

Parisian telephone system, there is hours in the salle, a darkened, immediate access to all manner of high-tech equivalent of the Whispering Gallery. Here are clusters of listings, pre-eminent among them screens, each with an armchair in Opened three years ago, the front of it. speakers built into the Videotheque at Les Halles contains wings at one's ears. In front of the a number of rooms where films are screen is another keyboard, and it is a moment's work to master the seemingly limitless system of indexde Consultation. Here, again, the ing. Faced with such riches, there is catalogue is available on screen, a danger that one's mind can go

> becomes clear that the wise plan A film chosen, it is then a matter into an unseen video machine.

numb. Once the novely wears off, it

The high-tech Videothèque in

Paris is a film buff's paradise

of pressing the "play" button and waiting; if sitting in the right place, one can look up and watch a mechanical arm go across, remove the cassette from its slot and insert it

which is linked to the screen and the control buttons. The effect is of siming inside a huge visual equivalent of a jukebox. Outside, people are queuing for groceries, but here is a childhood friend of Marcel Proust his memories caught on film in the 1950s, and later those of the legendary Celeste, his maid, whose duties included the building of concertina pages in his notebooks to accommodate the myriad additions and corrections. And here is the death of Edith Piaf in

1964. All of Paris seems to be at the

funeral. Marlene Dietrich serene above the throng

Why is there nowhere in London to watch such things at will! Despite the flurry of cinematic interest in Forster, an early 1970s version of A Room With a View on the BBC has been overlooked. Equally unobtainable are television versions of Ford's Parade's End and of Waugh's Sword of Honour trilogy and Vile Bodies. It is perplexing that they should not be as accessible as an old novel it would require a building no larger than a bingo hall.

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Out of print and into the black

Video killed the radio star, and its next victim could be the hardback novel

Barry Turner reports on how publishers are coping with the competition

orget the bestseller lists. The hottest title of the year and the biggest single carner for many a bookshop did not even register in the literary league. That is because it was a video.

Disney's Fantasia sold over 3.5 million copies. And this for a cartoon whimsy produced more than 50 years ago. It's enough to make Jeffrey Archer wince.

Fantasia was backed by a huge television and press advertising campaign and released just before Christmas - which makes it unlikely that its record will be beaten before the next orgy of present aying. But the Fantasia phenomnon should not be judged in isolation. It is just one indicator of a shift in consumer spending towards video and away from books. The sale of videos has grown prodigiously in the past six years. In

1985, turnover was about £15 million. Estimates for 1991 Henceforth range from £350 to £400 million. At this only the rate, video sales will overtake the video proven rental market, currently valued at £564 million, within bestsellers two years. More to e point, while tapwill qualify ig videos tends to peal to the lower for hardback cial strata, buying videos appeals more display to the ABCs, the middle-class, middle of the road punt-

ers who up until now have filled their drawing rooms with books. Publishers and booksellers deny emphatically that books are at risk. Every year, the trade registers an expansion of output - almost 68,000 new titles and new editions in 1991, a 70 per cent increase in a decade. But this staggering total disguises a plethora of desktop manuals, abstruse reflections of academe. small press specialities and large press aberrations which never reach the bookshops.

For a more accurate assessment of the state of the trade, look at sales per title (down) and sales per new title (seriously down). Even in the late 1980s, a first novel could be expected to make a modest return on a run of 2,000-3,000 copies. Now the average sale of a new hardback novel has fallen below

Indeed, the whole future of the hardback has been put at risk by W.H. Smith's decision to stop placing orders for high-priced books by subject or the reviews. Henceforth only the proven bestsellers (authors with five blockbusters to their credit) will qualify for hardback display. Publishers are already cutting back their hardback lists in favour of paperback originals.

And not before time. A hardback novel of unknown quality at £14.99 must compare unfavourably with a full-length video feature at £9.99 or

This is not to argue that the book is in terminal decline. It is to argue that publishers and booksellers need to get their act together. The hardback survived because there was little competition. Prices leapt ahead of inflation on the assumption that book buyers and, most particularly, the libraries, would bear the financial strain. Essential to the equation was the popular conviction that the high prices were justified by high costs. In reality the hardback is not much more expensive to produce than the paperback Printing and binding account for just 15 per cent of a £15 hardback

— a mere £2.25 against £6.75 which goes to the bookseller and £3.75 to the publisher. In other words, hardbacks were a safe racket until videos came So where do we ge from here? Booksellers have reacted cautiously to the vid-

> cashed in on Fantasia but then so did every petrol station, newsagent and corner shop in the land. There are about 4,000 outlets for videos, with the largest slice of the market held by Woolworths, which started the selling phenomenon with its Video Collection in 1985, and Our Price Video, the first retail chain to sell video only. Currently, Our Price Video has 34 branches and a numover of £20 million.

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Conventional bookshops have a long way to catch up. It is harder for publishers to come to terms with commercial reality. The creative and technical skills needed to produce 300 pages of readable text are not easily

transferable to film making.

Longman and Nelson have set up special divisions to commission videos, mostly for adult education. Why are their rivals so reluctant to follow suit? It all comes down to economics. Books have just about the lowest production costs in the media catalogue. Even a straightforward language learning video absorbs a production budget of between £30,000 and £50,000. is little change out of £500,000.

Publishers worry about committing this level of investment - the more so because they know that the



A hard act to follow: last year many bookshops found that their bestseller was a piece of 50-year-old cartoon whimsy from Disney

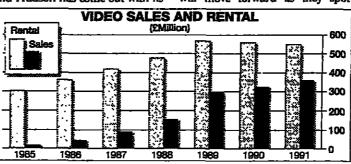
BBC and the independent production companies are already doing a creditable job in feeding the video outlets with newish products.
The question is whether the book

publishers can afford to stand aside. They are already taking an increasing interest in audio cassettes. This sector is growing as quickly as video but has the great virtue of lower production costs. Random Century and Harper-Collins are among those set to challenge the BBC at its own game. A pattern for development is suggested by Random Century's simulaudio versions of Martin Amis's Time's Arrow and Julian Barnes's Talking it Over. Both did well.

production of illustrated books using film techniques to create realistic pictorial mock-ups of historical events. The book packager, Roxby Press, used a professional film director to oversee its I Was There series. Meanwhile, Thames and Hudson has come out with its

spectacular New Horizons, a buv-in from France where there is much greater willingness to see books and videos as complementary products. What next? Mills and Boon are

planning to raid their romance list for video spin-offs; other publishers will move forward as they spot



sectors where production companies are under-represented (edu-cation is the obvious example) or where they can cut costs by attracting sponsors. But for the break-through we must wait for one of the conglomerates to show its mettle.

What all this means for the writer is hard to predict. Every visual product is dependent on the Hitch-cock rule: "To make a film, you need three things a great script, a great script and a great script." But increased opportunities for screenwriters are likely to be offset by a fall in demand for the printed word. successful novel of the future could well be the book of the video. Barry Turner is editor of The Writer's

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Overseas aims: the Express is expanding its international sales

eld back by recession at home, British newspapers are looking to Anglophone countries abroad to boost circulation. Over the past couple of years both the Express and Telegraph groups have started printing weekly digests of their daily and Sunday papers. These international editions are aimed at expatriates in Australia and other parts of the globe which used to be coloured pink. Earlier this month the International Express extended its cov-

Omnibus newspapers are not new. The Guardian Weekly has been running since 1919 and now sells more than 100,000 copies. For nearly a century The Times was responsible for, first, the Times Weekly (1877-1952) and then the Weekly Review (1952-1963).

But they came from a different era. Over the past decade, facsimile and satellite have made the mechanics of printing overseas edi-tions much more manageable.

Express Newspapers was the first group to turn this modern technology to the benefit of expatriates. launching its International Express in March 1990 in Sydney. A digest of news and features from the daily and Sunday Express was edited in London and faxed to Singapore. from where duplicates of the negaBritish newspapers are battling for the hearts and minds of expatriate readers

tives were flown to a contract printer in Sydney. Having quickly picked up 14,000 readers in New South Wales, the International Express extended distribution to Melbourne, and by the end of the year was printing in Perth and Auckland as well.

Its ambitions did not stop there. It has subsequently started printing editions in Singapore, Johannes burg and Toronto. Last month the International Express was launched in the United States. Worldwide distribution, prior to the American launch, was 1 10,000 copies a week, of which 45,000 are in Australia

The Weekly Telegraph followed suit last in July last year. Its concept is similar to the Express's: a digest of the best of its daily and Sunday newspapers, produced in tabloid form and retailing at the equivalent

The Weekly Telegraph began as an airmailed subscription paper out of London. After two months, it took a further step down the Express path by concentrating. initially at least, on Australia. It started printing in Perth in September, followed by Sydney in February. Colin Grimshaw, the publisher of The Weekly Telegraph, claims sales of 70,000 (two thirds of them down under) and says it is "operationally profitable". He hopes to extend printing to North America, New Zealand, France, Spain and South Africa.

I learly, a lively battle for the expatriate market is developing between these two stout examples of the right-wing British press. The most obvious difference between them is in advertising strategy. Ray Mills, the editor, says the International Express, with its strong emphasis on royalty and other traditional fare, is designed to have little advertising

a maximum of 8 per cent. The Telegraph product has been more successful in tapping the market for wealthy expatriates seeking, for example, advice on offshore investments. In advertisers' eyes, the weekly Express is a more downmarket product.

Another difference is that the Telegraph contemplates printing in Europe, whereas the Express

prefers to leave that market to its daily and Sunday editions out of

Other newspapers refuse to be drawn on this apparently lucrative niche market. Graham Luff, the managing director of Newspaper Publishing, which publishes The Independent, says: "At the moment nothing is contemplated."

Meanwhile, The Guardian Weekly carries on unperturbed. It was founded by C.P. Scott as an antidote to what he perceived as excessively jingoistic press interpretation of the Versailles peace treaty. According to John Perkin, the editor since 1969, it still has essentially a political role, acting as an international bulletin board for

liberal opinion.

The Guardian Weekly also now prints in Canada and Australia. And from April it has been printed in Johannesburg, where it goes out as an insert in the local Weekly Mail. This initiative is expected to add 30,000 to The Guardian Weekly's circulation of 75,000.

Mr Perkin sees no threat from the arrivistes. "Some newspapers are beginning to realise that they need more than just their national markets. Horizons are beginning

ANDREW LYCETT

Wildly differing methods of counting viewers and listeners are making international comparisons impossible

Statisticians out for the count n the United States; in Britain and in most other European countries, panels of television viewers are wired to computers to monitor, second by second, what programme they are watching, even when it is being played back on a video. Hundreds of millions of pounds awing on the outcome, as advertisers choose where to place their money.

Advertising and television are industries with aspirations to transeend national boundaries, so it is a surprise to find how far audience research still is from a common currency of methods and definitions permitting true international

comparisons. One example comes from radio: how many hours do the different European nations spend listening to the radio each week? The league table flar right), drawn up in 1988. at more than 20 hours, to Italy at less than 10. The United Kingdom, however, figures twice: first, at number five, through the data compiled by Jierar for the commercial stations: then second from bottom, using the BBC's figures. The former uses one collection method - a panel with diaries to

complete each week - while the

latter carries out daily street

interviewing. It occurred to Peter Menneer. head of broadcasting research at the BBC, to make a simple check on other countries' methods. Sure enough, the top five in the table used the diary, the rest the interview. Pointing out this basic divide

shows a league table from Finland. to the Worldwide Broadcast Audience Research Symposium in Toronto yesterday. Mr Menneer observed: "Should you be acting in a management consultancy capacity for a radio station whose audiences have traditionally been measured by the interview, your first recommendation must be to switch to the diary. The chances are

you will increase their audiences by

at least a third - overnight."

Similar examples of comparing apples and oranges occur in the far more "scientific" world of television ratings. Mr Menneer, reporting the thinking of a Europe-wide working party of broadcasters. researchers and advertising interests, lays out a list of differences

militating against true comparisons. Some countries exclude less commercially annactive groups pensioners, ethnic minorities -from their ratings. Some exclude people when they go on holiday. which bumps up the average

Then there remains the fundamental question: what is a viewer? The British convention accepts someone who watches a channel for three consecutive minutes (a commercial breakt. However the BBC would also like to know how many watch for longer, while some smaller channels, in a fragmenting arena, would prefer a definition that uses a one-minute reach. But even achieving this as a common

within each minute, to be agreed. The three-minute standard has no overwhelming logic. Even within Britain. Mr Menneer revealed. there is a debate about supplement-

ning frequency of the computer.

The BBC, for its public accountability case, would like also to show how many watch for perhaps 120 minutes a week: a recent sample showed that to be 86 per cent for BBC1 and ITV, 50 per cent for BBC2 and C4. Smaller channels, in a fragmenting arena, come less well out of that sort of figuring, as the second stable, for three Astra channels, shows. Some satellite and other minority channels. Mr Menneer says, would prefer a

definition that uses a one-minute

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ou probably buy 300 or so different brands every year. from Anadin to Zubes, from Armani to Zymoyski vodka. You select your 300 from the 32,000 branded goods and services that are advertised and from the 15,000 that crowd the average supermar-

You buy, in other words, but a tiny fraction of the cornucopia of brands now available.

Naturally you choose those which you believe will best meet your own personal needs. Your needs may be functional (the most effective antacid) or psychological (the smartest kit on the block) or, more usually, a combination of both.

In days of yore, when production lines and economies of scale were a trifle primitive, everyone wore unbranded loindothes and wielded unbranded flintstones. During Mao's cultural revolution standardisation ruled, not only because it is cheaper for everyone to dress the same but because it irons out personal idiosyncracies. Uniform, after all, means uniform.

We all know that some brands. like cars and clothes, are chosen for public display - which explains the allure of designer monograms. No point in spending oodles of ackers on Ralph Lauren or St Laurent if nobody recognises the gear.

Other brands, in contrast, have no such public value. Nobody (at least nobody I have ever met) seeks to be judged by their brand of detergent or lavatory cleanser or furniture polish. Yet most people are faithful to particular brands -

We use brands to integrate ourselves with social groups, or to differentiate ourselves

with sporadic, experimental infidel-ities — because they feel comfort-

able using those brands. Naturally they rationalise their decisions, and will argue vehemently that their preferred choices are superior to all corners. But everyone knows the leading brands in most markets have similar formulations, and the truth is that peoples' preferred brands are simply the brands they prefer.

Sometimes we use brands to integrate ourselves with social groups, sometimes we use them to differentiate ourselves. If you drive a Citroen 2CV you are flaunting your independence of spirit, your nonconformity; whereas if you run a Ford Escort you are happier lost in a crowd. People who choose the same brand share some similarity of personality, though there won't be more than a few dozen people in the country who choose precisely the same 300 as you do.

Novelists, with subconscious sensitivity, often use brands to reveal their characters' character. They know readers will recognise people by their predilections for Daks suits or for Diet Pepsi, for Raybans or Reeboks or J&B Rare.

The masters of this game are Ian Fleming and Tom Wolfe, but cigarette packs and beer bottles litter most modern novels. You won't find many brand names in the Brontes or Balzac.

Bruno Mouran and Pascal Rostain, two Californian paparazzi photographers, won tawdry fame and fortune by ransacking film stars' garbage and publishing the names of brands they use. It transpires that Liz Taylor drinks Evian while Jack Nicholson prefers Pellegrino, Veuve Clicquot and Becks: Madonna jogs in Reeboks and Michael Jackson washes with Tide, while Warren Beatty snaps with Kodachrome and munches Snickers. Our prime minister's predilection for St Michael suits reflects his personality precisely.

Brands have become so intricate and integrated a part of our lives that we would feel lost without them, as we are abroad when faced with an array of indecipherable shampoos or toothpastes (and relieved when we recognise a pack with a triendly face).

That is why companies are willing to pay so much when they buy brands from each other. They know we are all brand junkies, and can no longer live without them.

An open-book career

career as librarian is definitely not suited to those with a quiet, retiring disposition, according to Barbara Stratton of the Library Association. "You need an outgo-ing personality and an analytical mind and to be able to communicate with clarity," she says. The modern library requires staff trained on computer systems to

research and present information. There are two ways into the profession: at graduate level, with a library and informations studies degree, or by postgraduate qualification. The local library may spring to mind as the obvious place to find a librarian, but this is only one option. Fewer than a third of Library Association members are employed in public libraries. The professional librarian also works in national libraries, such as libraries for academic institutions and teaching hospitals. The number of commercial libraries has also increased, and many young librarians join law or accountancy firms.

Mark Lardner, aged 31, has developed a special interest in Europe in order to serve his clients best. For the past four years, he has worked at the Institute of Directors library and is now senior business information officer. Most of his work deals with enquiries — not as simple as it sounds. "I can be asked about anything from privatisation in Poland to which are the largest unquoted companies," he says. "My colleagues and I aim for a Modern libraries demand outgoing personalities and analytical

minds. Bernardine Coverley writes

turnaround of half an hour." The staff of seven runs a shift system to cover telephone enquiries, the in-formation desk and "housekeeping duties" of filing and updating.

Mr Lardner has seen the volume of enquiries grow by 50 per cent. The institute's 33,000 United Kingdom members say that the library is among its most important Industry values information and

a well-run library is regarded as an asset. Opportunities exist for those with special interests or languages. Job titles can be either information officer or librarian, but whatever the apparent differences, the core of work is the same: organising and retrieving information, whether it comes in the shape of books, journals, extracts, lists or statistics. Information technology has had a great impact, which is reflected in the content of courses and employers' expectations.

"We have an in-house database for all the books so I can make a list of what we have on a particular subject," says Lorna Neil, who works at a multidisciplinary library attached to St John's, a teaching hospital in Livingston. Medical staff, from consultants to trainee nurses, use the library, as do social

Lothian area. So the need for guiding help varies with users' experience and level of study.

As well as tracking down the latest article on doctors' hours for personnel or getting statistics on cot deaths. Miss Neil trains people to use the technology themselves. "I show them how to do a search or look up titles on Medline, a database on compact disc."

Searches can extend beyond home territory and Miss Neil has to weigh up the value in terms of potential usefulness to others. "I contact the medical library in Edinburgh because they supply free, or I check whether I can afford to buy. Failing that, the cost of getting it from the British Library is passed on to the borrower."

hereas previously li-brarians tended to remain in their specialisation, there is more movement now between public library work and business or academic positions. Librarianship and information science comes under mutual acceptability arrangements with European Community countries. Within any library there can be a great variety. While studying at

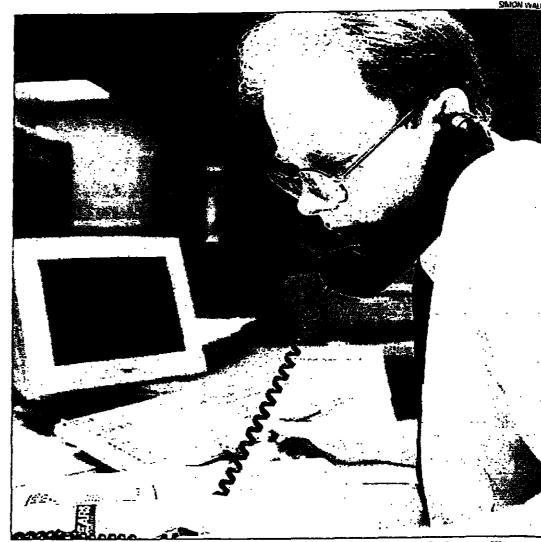
Liverpool Polytechnic, Marilyn Moore, aged 25, had several placements — in a business information library and a local library to try out different types of work. She is now a young people's librarian in Waltham Forest. London, providing storytellers, artefacts and books for under-fives, juniors and teenagers throughout the borough. The outreach is very important. Miss Moore explains. "I talk to parents and childminders about the value of reading with children and show them the variety we have to lend. Yesterday, I went to a community centre to show Turkish parents children's books in their own language. We have some duallanguage texts, too. They were surprised at how much we have to

The job of librarian is definitely one for somebody who enjoys communicating with both adults and children. As a young librarian. Miss Moore is conscious of being in the forefront of changes. "I was the only black student on my course," she says. "I was lucky because in my previous job my boss gave me a lot of encouragement to become qualified." She believes that representing

people positive ideas about books and a career as librarian. ● Information: Library Association

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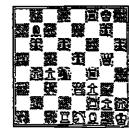
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1.30 Neighbours. (Ceefax) (s) (59153463)

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2.20 Film: The Navy Lark (1959, b/w). Tolerable British farce, adapted from the BBC radio series, about a captain's attempt to scupper a crew's idyllic lifestyle. Starring Ceol Parker, Ronald Shiner and Leslie

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Beating his own drums: enthusiast Alan Buckley (7.00pm)

7.00 Noel's Addicts. Noel Edmonds meets a James Bond impressionist, a drum enthusiast and the man who created the voice of Bugs Bunny. (Ceefax) (s) (4753) 7.30 EastEnders. (Ceefax) (s) (55)

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8.00 Just Good Friends. Vince and Penny spend a romamic evening in Paris. Starring Paul Nicholas and Jan Francis (r). (Ceefax) (5983)

8.30 Crime Limited. Nick Ross and Sue Cook present the first in a series of films about police beats, starting in Birkenhead. (Ceefax) (9208)

9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Michael Buerk. (Ceefax) Regional news

and weather (9802)
9.30 Boys From the Bush: Our Relios. Antipodean comedy-drama series. Reg (Tim Healy) enters the annual darts match. (Ceefax)

10.20 Film 92 with Barry Norman. Includes reviews of The Playboys, an Irish love story starring Albert Finney; the British special effects hit, The Lawnmower Man; and Double X starring Norman Wisdom in his big screen comeback (s) (138005). Northern Ireland: Ulster Orchestra in Concert (846005)

10.50 More Than a Game: The Brotherhood of the Needle CHOICE: No series on sporting hot potatoes could run for long without coming to drugs and tonight, sure enough, we get there. The section of drug abuse by athletes covers much the same ground as yesterday's World in Action, interviews the same people and comes to the same conclusion. This is that despite the exposure of

the sprinter Ben Johnson, the Olympic authorities are reluctant to push the matter very far for fear of depriving the games of star performers. A similar attitude is alleged in American football, where even 16-year-old school boys apparently take steroids as a matter of course. The film is rich in evasive answers, not least from Arnold Schwarzenegger when it is suggested that having taken drugs to pump up his body he may not be the best person to preach health awareness on behalf of President Bush (372005). Northern Ireland: 10.05 Film 92 with Barry Norman (292005); 11.35-12.25am More Than a Game (329208)

11.40 Private Eye. American drama series set in 1956 Los Angeles (229869) 12.30am Weather (1758628). Ends at 12.35 2.15 Executive Business Club (13661). Ends at 2.45

8.00 News (1645666) vatha (9021289) 8**.20 40 M**inutes: Package Tour (5913260) 9.00 Reviving Antiques, Tips on how to clean old prints and drawings (r). (Ceefax) (1043550)

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2.15 in the Garden: June. Different ways to grow herbs (85431294)

2.30 See Hearl Magazine series for the hearing impaired (82)

3.00 News and weather (9478666) followed by Westminster Live (5066227) 3.50 News and weather. Regional news and weather

4.00 Film: Portrait of Jennie (1948)

CHOICE: A choice example of Hollywood romanic fantasy stars CHOICE: A choice example of Hollywood romantic fantasy stars Joseph Cotten as a struggling young artist who falls in love with a strange girl (Jennifer Jones) in New York's Central Park. She vanishes and reappears and they have four subsequent meetings spread over a winter during the depression of 1932. Each time she seems to get older and the artist comes to realise he is dealing not with flesh and blood but a departed spirit. It is an unlikely story which could have become a pretentious one. In the event it was given touching substance by a top-form cast, which also includes Lionel Rangmore and Lillian Gish, the assured direction of William.

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Dieterle and glorious photography by Joseph August. Mostly shot in black and white, the film contains sepia and colour sequences. Dmitri Tiomkin based his score on music by Debussy (3749260) 5.20 Town Portraits. A visit to Lincoln (r) (1009376) 5.30 Gardeners' World. John Brookes concludes his series on garden design with a look at herbaceous borders, and there is news of the

Garden in Focus photographic competition (r) (98)

6.00 Film: Blackbeard the Pirate (1952). Rollicking high seas adventure with Robert Newton hamming it up as the flamboyant buccaneer. With Linda Darnell and Torin Thatcher. Directed by Raoul Walsh (53943043). Northern Ireland: Assignment; 6.45 Ulster in Focus;



Future imperfect: Czech president Vaclav Havel (7.40pm)

7.40 Assignment: The Tunnel at the End of the Light. Emily

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8.25 Dance House. As part of the Commissions and Collaborations season, Nahid Siddiqui performs the intricate kathak dance, accompanied by tabla player Sabri (s) (244882)
8.30 Red Dwarf IV. The intergalactic crew drifts towards a white hole. Starring Chris Barrie and Craig Charles. (Ceefax) (s) (5550)
9.00 Quantum Leap: The Great Spontini. Sam (Scott Bakula) turns up in 1974 California as a struggling magician. (Ceefax) (s) (874821)
9.50 The Racing Game: Club Class. The series about horse racing examines the Jockey Club's 250-year monopoly of the sport. Lord Hartington, senior steward, defends the dub's tradition, while the Marquess of Zetland concedes that some control should be relinquished to the new breed of commercial experts. (Ceefax) (s) (247685) wsnight with Peter Snow and Francine Stock (279579)

11.15 The Late Show. Arts and media magazine (s) (965024)

11.55 Weather (222640)
12.00 Open University: Santo Spirito — A Renaissance Church (r) (79086). Ends at 12.30am

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10.30 This Morning. Daily magazine programme (48616192). Including at 10.55 TN News, and at 11.55 Thames News
12.10 Playbox. Early learning series for under-fives (r) (2616753)
12.30 ITN Lunchtime News. (Oracle) Weather (6846395) 1.10 Thames News (62374734) 1.20 Home and Away. (Oracle) (18446579)
1.50 A Country Practice. Medical drama (s) (68408734)
2.20 The Full Treatment. The health and fitness magazine examines keyhole surgery and other medical techniques which enable doctors to see how the body functions (97498666)
2.50 Familles. Anolo-Australian soap (s) (7948024) 3.15 ITN News

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3.55 Children's ITV: Thomas the Tank Engine and Friends. Cartoon (4210376) 4.05 Disney's Duck Tales. Animation (4711840) 4.30 Streetwise. Penultimate episode of the drama senes about bicycle couriers. (Oracle) (44) 5.00 Cartoon Time: Pepe Le Pew (6282043) 5.10 Blockbusters. Bob Holness hosts the teenage quiz (5596686) 5.40 ITN Early Evening News with Martyn Davies (Oracle) Weather (903579) 5.55 Thames Help, with Jackie Spreckley (r) (228666)

6.00 Home and Away (r). (Oracle) (37)
6.30 Thames News. (Oracle) (89) 7.00 Emmerdale. (Oracle) (9821)
7.30 Nature Watch. Julian Pettifer meets John Walmsley, who is obsessed with protecting Australia's native animals. (Oracle) (73)
8.00 The Bill: Exposures. Viv Martella (Nula Conwell) investigates an



Caring spirits: Tom Bell, Eric Mallett, Cathy Tyson (8.30pm)

◆ CHOICE: Taking its cue from such "angel" movies as It's a Wonderful Life and A Matter of Life and Death this engaging fantasy by Tony Grisoni imagines caring spirits coming to the help of three people who have met premature deaths. A murder in Soho, a suicide in Blackpool and a fall from a train are the starting points of the three stories, which are reconstructed in flashback and brough to a tidy conclusion so that their subjects can pass happily to a heavenly state. The victims are a vulnerable girl (Louise Lombard), a Purefoy). Their angels are played by Tom Bell, Eric Mallett and Cathy Tyson, with Warren Clarke as a sesside emercainer. Angels is the pilot for a possible series, although it is hard to see how the characters could be brought back to life for a second time. (Oracle)

10.00 News at Ten. Alastak Stewart presents the second environmenta report from Rio de Janeiro on the eve of the Earth Summit. (Oracle) Weather (95173) 10.30 Tharnes News (849937)

10.40 First Tuesday: Tobacco Wars CHOICE: A report from the United States indicts the methods of American tobacco companies as they push the weed in the developing world. Unabashed by growing evidence that smoking kills, and hit by falling cigarette sales in America itself and Europe. the industry is busy opening up new markets in Asia. The film says the US government threatened Taiwan with trade sanctions if it refused to import American cigarettes. Similar tactics are alleged in lapan, Korea and Thailand. Local bans on cigarette advertising have been circumvented by using the brand name on another product. Threaded through the programme are the stories of two former stars of cigarette advertising who have become tragic victims of the product they used to promote. None of the tobacco companies would agree to be interviewed. (Oracle) (s) (526078) 11.40 Prisoner: Cell Block H (214937)

12.30am Video View reviews Ellen Barkin in Switch (28086) 1.30 The Equalizer. Edward Woodward is joined by wife Michelle Dotrice in the story of a widow whose baby is kidnapped (r) (97425)
 2.30 Donahue. Conversation with Phil Donahue and guests (3448970) 3.20 Nite Bites (95526406) 3.30 60 Minutes. American news (86883) 4.30 The Colour of Friendship. Racial strife comes between two teenagers (27154) 5.30 ITN Morning News (67241). Ends at 6.00

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6.00 Channel 4 Daily (1162685) 9.25 Schools (84389192) 12.00 The Parliament Programme (25314) 12.30 Business Daily. Anne Perkins with parliamentary news (42579)

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1.00 Sesame Street. Early learning senes (r) (3073-4)
2.00 Film: Happy Go Lovely (1950) Weak British musical starting VeraEllen as a chorus girl who is hired by impresano Cesar Romero to dance at the Edinburgh Festival and meets millionaire David Niven Directed by Bruce Humberstone (571937)
3.45 Petes Smith Specialities (b/w) Football highlights from 1938

(2740260)

4.00 The Food File: Off Your Trolley Drew Smith investigates whether supermarkets offer value for money (r) (Teletext) (s) (42)
4.30 Fifteen to One. William G. Stewart fires the general knowledge

questions (s) (14)
5.00 Pushing the Limits: Extreme Ice. Climbers ascend a frace waterfall in Switzerland (r) (7227)
5.30 Beart That: Ferm. Mik Scarlett challenges teenagers in a race against the clock (66)
6.00 Tracture Mint Apparel Contractions for their against the clock (66)

6.00 Treasure Hunt. Annabel Croft searches for clues around Gwent (r) (Teletext) (50598)

7.00 Channel 4 News with Jon Snow. (Teletext) Weather (354531)
7.50 Comment (570111)

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8.00 How to Save the Earth: Loaves and Fishes. Environmentalist Jonathon Porntt meets Jens Ole-Hojmann, a fisherman turned Greenpeace campaigner, who confronts industrial fishing fleets in the North Sea. Meanwhile, in Ethiopia, Dr Melaku Worede helps to found Africa's first gene bank. (Teletext) (s) (6111)
8.30 Fat Man in Argentina. Tom Vernon joins the gaucho cowboys at work and at play, recalls the rule of the Perons and examines the legacies of the military dictatorship (r). (Teletext) (2918)
9.00 Rear Window: The Living Tradition. Shi Ganapti Sthapati presents an award-winning film about the ancient Indian Vaastu tradition of art and architecture, and explains the roles which monuments and buildings have played in Indian culture (144192)
9.45 Channel 4 Racing, Brough Scott previews tomorrow's 2 light Derby Day at Epsom (981024) Day at Epsom (981024)



Sanctuary in El Salvador. Wendel Meldrum, right (10.00pm)

10.00 Film: Diplomatic Immunity (1990). The Cinema Canada season continues with a polished, documentary-style political thriller about a woman diplomat (Wendel Meldrum) caught up in political intrigue. and civil war in El Salvador. Directed by Sturia Gunnarsson (Teletext) (s) (985579) 11.45 Empty Nest: The Check Isn't in the Mail. Comedy staming

Richard Mulligan as a widower in Miami (r) (s) (126482)

12.15am The Schoenberg Cycle. The Schoenberg Quartet plays the Fourth String Quartet (s) (4702116)

12.55 Film: Death on the Set (1935, b/v). Minor British thriller staming Henry Kendall as a gangster who murders his film director lookalds With Jeanne Stuart and Garry Marsh Directed by Leslie S Histott (5587661). Ends at 2.10

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 10.00 Running Mates (1986): Teenagers

Reeves misplaces his gaffriend (23901)
10.00 Gymfiatta (1985): Martial arts (96550)
11.30 Scarface (1983): Al Pacino plays a
Miami gargster (462772260)
2.20am The Inside Men (1985): Espionage thriller (989574)
4.00 in the Line of Duty: Mob Justice (1991): Tony Danza runs from the mob and the law (693086). Ends at 5.40 THE MOVIE CHANNEL

 Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
6.15am Chellenge to be Free (1974): A fur trapper is hounded by the law (283395)
8.15 Hey There, It's Yogl Bearl (458173)
10.15 The Three Faces of Eve (1957): loanne Woodward plays a schizophrenic (307345596). akers (1989): Drama about

the atomic bomb (56088666) the atomic bomb (Soussood) 2.15pm Children of the Bride (1990): Widow Rue McClanahan plans to many toy

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4.15 Dot and Keeto (1986): A girl befriends annuals in the Australian outback (615531)
6.15 B.L. Stryker — Plattas (1990): Starring Burt Reynolds (635395)
8.15 We're No Angels (1989): Escaped connots Robert De Niro and Sean Permidisguise themselves as priests (36464753)
10.05 Tales from the Crypt (1989): Three horror stories (7508753)
11.30 Enemies, a Love Story (1989): Connedy drama about the tangled love life of Jewish businessman Ron Silver (95821)
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News and sport on the hour until 7.00pm. 6.00am World Service: Newshour 6.30 Danny Baker's Morring Edition 9.00 Schools: See For More 10.25 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 19.40 Johnne Walker with The AM Alternative 12.30pm in House Tony Wilkins with DIY tips 1.00 News Update 1.15 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 19.130 BRS Worldwide Simon and the Squad 2.30 Sportsbeat, with Ross king 4.30 Five Axode 7.15 The Lifthe House in the Bigwood, by Laura Ingals Wilder (2 of 5) 7.30 Home From Home: First of a two-part cramatisation by David Calcut of Susan Proces novel 8.00 Popcals Ring Tim Smith on 0345 909693 9.15 The Olympic Years: 1964 Tokyo and Innobruck (r) 10.10 Earshot, with John Cavanagh, Incl 11.00 Sport 12.00-12.10am News; Sport

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6.55am Weather; News Headlines 7.00 Morning Concert, C.P.E. Bach

Carlo Opera Orchestra under Antonio de Almeida); Vaughan Williams (Cantata, In Windsor Forest: Bournemouth Symphony Chorus; Bournemouth Sinfonietta under Norman Del Mar); Spohi (Fantasy on themes by Danzi and Vogler: Andras Adonan, flute, Marielle Nordmann,

12.00 Mahler al fresco: Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra under Claudio Abbado, with Margaret Price, soprano, periorms Symphony No 4 in G

Op 1; Scrabor (Sonata No 5, Op 53)

2.00 Music Weekly (r)

2.45 English Music BBC
Philharonic Orchestra under Yan Pascal Tortelier performs
Britten (Four Sea Interludes, Peter Grimes); Elgar (Cello Concerto in Emmor: Colin Carr); Holst (The Planets)

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(41425) 4.30-5.30 Jobfinder (27154) Starts: 6.00 C4 Daily (1162685) 9.25

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3.00 Prime Minister's Question Time (LW only) 4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope revews the Kaleidoscope reviews the Birmingham Royal Ballet company's premiere of Romeo and Juliet; and talks to the

and Julier; and talks to the actor Timothy West (s)
4.45 Short Story: Lamb to the Slaughter, by Roald Dahl Read by Jenny Lynch
5.00 PM 5.50 Shapping Forecast
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6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.20 Six O'Clock News Killing Orders Dinner Date. Kathleen Turner stars as the private eye in the fifth of a So-

private eye in the fifth of a separt dramatisation by Michelene Wandor of Sara Paretsky's novel (s) (r)
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers 7.20-8.00 File on Four (FM only)
7.20 Woman's Hour (LM only) (r)
8.00 Science Now Peter Evans Lafts to the witers and judges of the Science Book Awards (r)
8.30 On the Cusp

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pursues a grieving man (559796) 3.10 Paris by Night (1988): Charlotte Rampling murders her lover (931222). Ends

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FM Stereo and MW. 4.00am Bruno Brookes
(FM only) with The Early Breaklast Show 6.00
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7.00 Morning Concert: C.P.E. Bach (Symphony in B minor, Wq 182 No 5); Beethoven (Bagatelles, Op 126 Nos 1-4)
7.30 News
7.35 Morning Concert (cont): Handel (Vni Tiranno, Rodelinda); Weber (Konzertstück in F minor, Op 79); Prokoffev (Romeo and Juliet, Suite No 1)
8.30 News
8.35 Composers of the Week: Dročák (Slavonic Dances, Op 46 Nos 4, 5 and 8; Serenade in E for strings, Op 22; Slavonic Dances, Op 75 Morning Sequence: Prokoffev (Summer Night: BBC Concert Orchestra under Ronald Corp); Verdi; art Liszt (Rigoletto Paraphvase: Jorge Bolet, piano); J.C. Bach (Symphony in 8 flat, Op 9 No 3: Netherlands Chamber Orchestra under David Zinman); Verdi (Ballet Music, Il Trovatore: Monte Carlo Opera Orchestra under Antono de Almerich) Vasinhan

hute, Marese Wordmann, harp); Haydin (Symphony No 60 in C: Philharonia Hungarica under Antal Dorati); Prokofiev (Waltz Surte, Op 102: BBC Concert Orchestra under Panald Com)

1.00pm News
1.05 St David's Lunchtime
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Latarche plays Mozart (Sonata
in B flat, K 333); Berg (Sonata,
Op 1); Scriabin (Sonata No 5,

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Year 1992, under Howard Snell performs Ireland (Comedy Overture); Heaton (Partita); Howells (Pageantry); Wilby (Toccata Festiva) 5.30 Mainly for Pleasure, with

Anthony Burton

7.00 News 7.05 Third Ear. The National Arts Debate. Robert Hewison chairs the second of five mini-debates in which he examines whether the draft document, Towards a National Arts and Media Strategy, asks the right questions and gives the right guidance
7.30 Bournemouth Symphony
Orchestra at the 1991 Proms under Andrew Litton, with Jeffrey Kahane, piano, performs Gershwin (Cuban

Overture); Bernstein (Symphony No 2, The Age of Angety); Sibelius (Symphony No 2 m D) (r)

9.10 Drama Now: Scrumping

CHOICE. Hattle Naylor, whose second radio play whose second radio play Dusty's Story was nominated for a Prix Futura award, has hit upon something fantastically original with this, her third. original with this, her third. She resurrects Lilith, an early example of liberated woman from Babylonian and Jewish folklore, and transplants her in north Surrey, circa 1990, where a put-upon wife (Suzanna Hamilton) has reached roughly the same stage in her relationship with her attropant songes (Advian

stage in her relationship with her arrogant spouse (Adrian Edmondson) as Liith reached in her relationship with Adam before Eve Naturally enough, Liith (Gabrielle Hecht) speaks no English, but she knows a good English appile when she munches one and, like Eve, knows what a powerful fruit an appile can be in a an apple can be in a potentially explosive situation Mozart and Schoenberg. The planist Missiko Uchida plays Mozart (Sonata in F, K 332); Schoenberg (Three Pieces, Op 11); Mozart (Rondo in A minor, K, 511); Schoenberg (Six Litile Pieces, Op 19); Mozart (Sonata in D, K 575)

11.35-12.35am Composers of the Week. Jean Françaix (r) 1.00-2.05 Night School (except in Scotland, as Radio 5 at 9am)

(s) Stereo on FM 5.55am Shipping Forecast 6.00 News Briefing, incl 6.03 Weather 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30 Today, incl 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 News 6.55, 7.55 Weather 7.45 Thought for the Day 8.40 Yesterday in Parliament 8.58 Weather

9.05 Call Nick Ross: 071-580 4411. Lines open from Barn 10.00-10.30 News; Out of African Skies (FM only): Clive Langmead files with the pilots of the Mission Aviation Fellowship on a supply run to the Magwanza Hospital in northwest Tanzania (s) 10.00 Daily Service (LW only) 10.15 The Bible (LW only). The

Gospel according to John. Tony Britton reads the first of en parts Noman's Hour: Karen Deco

10.30 Woman's Hour. Karen Deco reports on vaginsmus, a condition which puts women off sex. Incl 11.00 News 11.30 All in the Mind 12.00 You and Yours 12.25pm Looking Forward to the Past. Robert Booth chairs a light-hearted discussion about the past (s) 12.55 Weather 1.00 The World at One 1.40 The Archers (r) 1.55 Shipping 2.00 News; Thirty-Minute Theatre. Bodyline, by Herbert Williams. A journalist visits an elderly man, ostersibly to interview him about his former glorious career as a cricketer. mterview him about his forme glorious career as a cricketer. But his motive is neither innocent or pleasant. With Geoffrey Banks and Geraint Owen (s)

2.30 Richard Baker Compares Notes with the solo planists Peter Donohue and Martin Roscoe (s)

Roscoe (s) 3.00 Soundtrack (FM only): Bouncing Back. Nick Baker joins a group of bouncers attending a weekly course in order to qualify to work the doors in Derby (s) (r) 3.42-4.00 RSVP (FM only): In the second of six programmes about letters that have no known reply, Matthew Parris examines Henry VIII's letter to Anne Boleyn, imploring her to be his mistress

Hunter Davies referees the final between the Sunday Mirror and the Sunday Express Mirror and Signature (SI (I) 11.30 Today in Parliament 12.00-12.43 am News, incl 12.27 Weather 12.33 Shoping 12.43 World Service (LW only)

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